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GREEN LIGHT FOR 1.95pc TAX RISE

BY SIMON STONE

SENIOR members of Cannock Chase Council have given the green light to the authority's budget proposals.

A total of £1.6 million in savings and additional income has been identified in the financial recovery plan (FRP).

Following a consultation exercise, the council's cabinet recommended accepting the strong public feedback to save CCTV, town centre flower beds and CAB facilities, among other items. The council originally put £2.1m of potential options out for consultation.

The budget report also recommends that the level of council tax received by the council will increase by 1.95 per cent in 2017-18.

The final budget now being recommended follows a further consultation period during December and January during which residents, businesses and organisations were asked to respond with their views on the council's overall budget approach, suggestions for additional changes or proposals and the levels of the proposed council tax increase.

That second-stage consultation, which received 96 responses, showed 46.9 per cent supported the recommended 1.95 per cent increase to council tax, which the council says equates to an increase of less than 7p per week for most households in the district.

Pressures

Deputy leader Councillor Gordon Alcott said: "The council has faced its most difficult financial position ever, with reducing government grant funding and the loss of business rates from the closure of Rugeley Power Station.

"The recommended budget balances the financial pressures we face with our commitment to protect the services that matter to people in Cannock Chase."

Nearly three quarters of the reductions in spending will be on efficiency savings, capitalising expenditure, shared services, and reduced management costs, in an attempt to minimise the cuts to frontline services.

The initial FRP consultation, held for six weeks from September to November, received more than 800 responses, which 'informed the options put forward in the draft budget which is now recommended to council'.

The General Fund Budget and Capital Programme will be discussed by the full council at its meeting on February 8.

Meanwhile, Staffordshire Police are set to lose £1.5m in government funding, meaning council tax will have to be raised to safeguard frontline jobs. The force's main Whitehall grants are being cut by 1.4 per cent for 2017-18 – more the double the figure anticipated.

As a result, Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis has recommended its proportion of the council tax be increased by 1.99 per cent.

It would see the police portion for a Band D property rise to £181.14 from £177.61.

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RENOVATED BOX BEGINNING TO SHOW ITS CLASS

A carpenter removes boards from the historic signal box *Picture courtesy of The Friends of Hednesford Park*

WORK is progressing on renovating an historic signal box in Hednesford Park so it can become a community classroom.

The box, which was on the Chase Line near Hednesford station for more than 140 years, was earmarked for demolition before it was relocated to its new home at a cost of £30,000.

It originally sat neglected in the park before plans were approved to turn it into a classroom, with work beginning several months ago.

Over the weekend a carpenter removed boards to reveal some of the renovation work.

PVC doors and windows that were installed by the rail company, when it was in operation, have been stripped off, with their replacements replicating originally installed versions from 1876.

Other work will include establishing an electricity connection and completing all internal fixings, floorings and painting. The renovation was made possible after The Friends of Hednesford Park were successful in securing a two-year funding project from Staffordshire Public Health. The money will also go towards equipment to enable the box to become a classroom.

The group has also secured partnerships with South Staffordshire College, the Forest of Mercia Community Interest Company and Interact Arts CIC to provide courses for all ages and abilities when the renovation is complete.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, culture and sport portfolio leader on Cannock Chase Council, said: "Although the signal box does not form part of the Heritage Lottery Scheme for Hednesford Park, the council was able to help fund its relocation to the park and officers have managed to incorporate it into the overall design."

Graham Burnett, chairman of the Friends group, said: "It is a credit to all involved to see it not only preserved as part the town's history but also now having a vital future role as a widely used community asset."

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Councillor Mitchell alongside the box

CRIME

Elderly targeted by bogus callers

ELDERLY and vulnerable people in Cannock are being warned to be aware of bogus house calls from men pretending to be from the council.

Two men called at a house in Hunter Road, claiming to be from Cannock District Council, and offered to carry out guttering work. The men had Irish accents.

One was 5ft 9in, and of medium build, and the other was 5ft 7in and slim. They left in a small silver van. Anyone with information should call Staffordshire Police on 101, quoting incident 312 of January 13.

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CHURCH

Brexit meeting will ask Any Questions?

RUGELEY Deanery Synod is to host a Brexit Special meeting in the style of Any Questions? on Friday, March 10, at 7 for 7.30pm.

The venue will be St Peter's Church, Hednesford, and the panel will include Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling, and Bishop Clive Gregory.

Organisers say the evening will be 'an open meeting for all church members and friends, to inform and encourage a positive engagement with the issues and impact of Brexit in our area'.

BANKING

HSBC announces closure of branch

HSBC has announced its branch in Chase Terrace is to close on Friday, May 12.

The decision is part of a programme that will see 62 branches shut by the end of 2017. HSBC says it has no intention to close further branches this year.

Francesca McDonagh, head of retail banking for the UK and Europe, said: "The decision to close these branches ensures a more sustainable branch network for the future as we continue to invest in our digital platforms.

"We are contacting customers to explain the decision and help them with alternative ways to bank with us."

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MP in pledge to carry on Jill's work

Jill Saward – campaigner

THE MP for Cannock Chase has vowed to carry on the work of campaigner Jill Saward who fought for the rights of sex attack victims.

Tributes poured in following the premature death of the 51-year-old from Hednesford. She suffered a stroke and died two days later at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton.

Mrs Saward was the first rape victim to waive her right to anonymity and speak out. She had been brutally attacked in her father's vicarage in Ealing, London, in 1986.

She spent much of her life campaigning for the rights of fellow victims. One of her recent battles was trying to stop domestic abuse victims being cross examined by accused perpetrators in the family courts.

Now Amanda Milling MP, who met Mrs Saward prior to her death, has vowed to carry on the fight.

"I believe it is essential that the law is extended to stop those accused of domestic violence being able to cross examine victims during trials in the family courts," she said.

"This change in the law needs to happen urgently and I will continue to press ministers to address this as quickly as possible."

Adding her own tribute to Mrs Saward's work the MP said: "I was truly shocked and saddened by the news of Jill Saward's death. I recently met Jill and was moved by her own personal ordeal and her commitment to campaign on behalf of rape victims.

"She was a remarkable woman who took her own truly horrific experience, sacrificed her anonymity and was a tenacious campaigner. She made an immeasurable difference to public attitudes across the country."

£300k will be needed for refugee children

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council will spend £300,000 on looking after vulnerable foreign children who want to stay in the UK this year.

The authority is currently looking after 86 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC), who are mostly from Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Eritrea, Sudan or Pakistan.

It has a duty of care to them after they were found being trafficked across the county, frequently along the M6, or moved from other councils around the UK.

The youngest child found in Staffordshire was 12 but more than two-thirds of them are either 16 or 17. The Government provides the council with funding of at least £2.2 million for the children – £26,000 to look after each child – every year.

Cabinet member for children and young people Councillor Mark Sutton said: "As a county council, we have a responsibility to take care of all vulnerable children in our county, including unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

Fear

"Increased instability in some countries, coupled with Staffordshire's central position close to key motorway routes, has led to an increase in the county over the past year. As with all asylum-seeking children, we are able to access a central government grant to support them."

All unaccompanied children must have their needs paid for – including access to education and leisure.

One foster carer has looked after a 15-year-old boy for five weeks. The woman, who wanted to remain anonymous, said: "He's from Eritrea. He has got relatives around Europe and in Libya, where people fear for their safety. It is dreadful."

The boy has internet and phone contact with relatives while he settles here.

A Staffordshire County Council spokesman said: "In addition to the funding from Government, we will spend around an additional £300,000 this year to care for UASCs. We have a duty to care for these children, as we do with any other child in need in Staffordshire."

The funding for each child varies according to when they arrived in the UK.

Church shrine gets protected status

Father Philip Newbold by the altar unveiled in 2011 at the shrine at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford

THE iconic shrine at Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford is officially one of the most important historic sites in the country.

And because the fact that the shrine has been listed by Historic England gives it special protection.

The creation is a replica of the grotto at Lourdes, France.

It cost £50,000 and was built between 1927 and 1934 and since 1966 has been the site of annual pilgrimages. The shrine stands on an elevated platform in the grounds of the church in Uxbridge Street flanked by two stone pylons.

Explaining why Historic England has now granted it Grade II protection, the listing outlines its architectural interest as 'an interesting example of an outdoor Lourdes Grotto shrine, unusual in England for its naturalistic representation of a cave formation; it contrasts well with the flanking Art-Deco style stone pylons'.

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said: "It is a famous landmark in Hednesford."

Bernadette Soubirous was recorded having visions of the Virgin Mary in a cave at Lourdes in 1858.

Father Philip Newbold, the current priest, unveiled a new altar at the shrine in 2011.

In 1972 some 4,000 worshippers attended an open air-mass which included a blessing of the sick.

The open-air mass in 1972

Teacher is named as victim of A51 crash

A MAN who died after a car crash has been named as 41-year-old school teacher Andrew Dennis.

Mr Dennis was pronounced dead at the scene of the collision between his car and another vehicle on Friday. The accident happened at around 8am on the A51 Tamworth Road.

Andrew Dennis

The father of three, from Tamworth, worked at Gentleshaw Primary School.

Mr Dennis's wife Hannah said: "I have had the privilege of sharing the past 21 years with him, 16 as his wife. I had hoped for many more.

"But for now, I am focusing on the memories of the times we did have together. He was an incredible dad to our three amazing children, Joel, Malachi and Lydia.

"He has given them a great start in life, full of love, care, understanding, teaching, faith and opportunities.

"They will miss him hugely but know that he loved them more than words could say. He was a caring son, grandson and brother who will be hugely missed. He has been a good friend to many, often sharing his passion: mountain biking."

Mr Dennis began teaching at Gentleshaw a year ago after 15 years in various schools in Tamworth, including St Gabriel's Primary and Three Peaks Primary. Anyone with information on the crash should call police on 101.

Fun activities at Arboretum

BUDDING photographers are being invited along to the National Memorial Arboretum next month.

The Arboretum is putting on a programme of primarily free-of-charge activities, which will run from 10am to 3pm, from February 11 to 26 and will start with 'Put yourself in the picture'.

On February 23, from 10am until 3pm, families can join professional photographer Alison Fawdrey to learn how to get the most out of their smartphone or tablet's camera.

Sarah Montgomery, managing director of the Arboretum, said: "The Arboretum is a wonderful place for children to explore and learn.

"The 150-acre free to enter site gives the opportunity to learn about remembrance in a fun and engaging way."

Shoppers thanked for their donations

SHOPPERS have been thanked for contributing to a street collection in Cannock for Compassion in World Farming.

The £118.60 raised on January 7 will enable the organisation to continue to campaign for increased standards of farm animal welfare.

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£2.7bn deal to construct HS2 trains up for grabs

THE search has begun for a company to design, build and maintain high-speed trains for HS2.

Up to 60 trains will be needed to transport passengers at around 225 mph, and the contract – worth £2.75 billion – will be awarded in 2019.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling described the search for a train manufacturer as 'a major step' towards Britain getting a new railway carrying more than 300,000 people each day.

Mr Grayling said building and maintaining the trains would be a 'great opportunity for British-based businesses. He added: "We have held discussions with UK suppliers to make sure they are in the best possible position to win contracts."

Construction work on phase one of HS2 from London to Birmingham will start in the spring, subject to its parliamentary bill getting royal assent in the coming weeks.

HS2 Ltd's managing director of railway operations, Chris Rayner, said: "We are looking for a supplier who is capable of delivering and maintaining some of the world's most advanced rolling stock, with designs putting the passenger at their heart to ensure seamless, accessible, fast and reliable journeys."

Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce chief executive Paul Faulkner welcomed the latest development and said it could open up big opportunities for local companies.

"I'm sure our local businesses will relish the opportunity to try and secure the contract," he said.

Axed buses row taken to the top

THE MP for Cannock Chase has raised the issue of the district's axed bus services with Transport Secretary Chris Grayling.

Amanda Milling hit out at the loss of several routes last year on the back of Arriva cutting popular services, such as the number 3 in Norton Canes. She has urged the Transport Secretary to look into local services, describing them as a 'lifeline' to many communities.

Ms Milling said: "The withdrawal of some of the local bus services by Arriva have been universally unpopular.

"In some cases the withdrawal of services have left communities without any local bus service, as has happened in Norton Canes after the withdrawal of the number 3 service."

Home is burgled in broad daylight

A BRAZEN burglar ransacked a home in Hollow Lane, Rugeley, in broad daylight after using a ladder to climb through a first-floor window

It happened sometime between 2pm and 7pm on Thursday.

'Window cleaner' steals from woman, 95

The suspect is caught on CCTV

A BOGUS window cleaner stole a 95-year-old woman's purse after tricking his way into her house.

Police are now appealing for help in finding the thief after releasing CCTV images of the man they suspect is responsible.

He knocked at a property in Essington, telling the elderly occupant that he was looking for work and asking to clean her windows for £5.

The pensioner provided him with a bucket and cloths but after working for a few minutes, he requested a change of clothes.

While she was distracted, he stole her purse containing a number of bank cards.

The cards were used within an hour of being stolen, with money withdrawn in High Street, Wednesfield.

The theft happened between 10.30am and 11.30am on Saturday, December 17.

Dc Jon Cotter, investigating officer, described the victim as 'distraught' following the incident.

"It has understandably been very upsetting for her," he said.

Two men have since been traced and charged with fraud, for the use of the bank cards. They are to appear before magistrates in Cannock on February 8.

However, police are still keen to find the conman who stole the purse.

Officers are asking for anyone who recognises the suspect from the CCTV footage to contact them.

He is believed to be from the Wednesfield area.

People are asked to call 101, quoting incident number 188 of 20 December 2016 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Church car park fly-tip man must pay £1,432

A CANNOCK man must pay more than £1,000 after he admitted fly-tipping rubbish in a church's car park.

Carl Munn collected the waste before throwing in onto the Trinity Church car park in Station Road, Hednesford, on October 8, 2015.

Council officers found a resident's household bills found among bin bags, a double mattress, three sofas, wood, laminate flooring and two doors strewn across the car park.

The resident told officers Munn, of Rigby Drive, had been paid £170 to remove their rubbish, Newcastle-Under-Lyme Magistrates Court was told.

CCTV footage from a nearby shop recorded Munn and another man loading rubbish, before he was pictured by other CCTV cameras at Poplars Landfill site in Cannock.

Staff there remembered that Munn, aged 44, was turned away after refusing to pay to get rid of his rubbish. That same waste was later found in the church car park.

Munn pleaded guilty for failing in his duty of care and the unauthorised deposit of waste and was fined £320, ordered to pay costs of £1,080 and a victim surcharge of £32, totalling £1,432.

Caught

Cannock Chase Council is offering people £100 if they provide any evidence that leads to a successful conviction of a fly-tipper.

It has also been given further powers to issue £400 fixed-penalty notices to people caught dumping rubbish.

The authority's environment portfolio leader Councillor John Preece said: "I would urge everyone in the district to be the council's eyes and ears and to report any fly-tipping to us.

"We are determined to stamp out fly-tipping, which is a blight on our communities and our countryside.

"But we do need the public's help on this," Councillor Preece added.

"This case demonstrates that, when we have the evidence, we will be rigorous in getting a prosecution."

Anyone who witnesses fly-tipping in the district is urged to report it to Cannock Chase Council by calling 01543 462621.

Key information to pass on includes the date and time of any incident, details of any vehicle used and a description of offenders.

That and any other information can be reported online at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk

Fairy godmother Julie Hunter gets Poppy Duff to help with her magic in Cannock Chase Drama Society's production of Cinderella

Children invited to dress up for panto

A DRAMA society is encouraging children to dress up for its production of Cinderella, which opens today (Thursday).

Cannock Chase Drama Society is performing the Disney classic at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock until Sunday.

In one scene the show's fairy godmother, played by Julie Hunter, performs a magic spell in which, among others, she tries to turn a pumpkin into a pony.

But in order to complete the spell she needs help from children in the audience.

Mrs Hunter, who is also directing the show, said: "In the transformation scene the fairy godmother needs all the help she can get and needs the children in the audience to help her.

"We want them all to dress up in fancy dress to help me complete the transformation. They can dress up as whatever they want."

Cinderella will be played by Samantha Betteridge, and Prince Charming by Vicky Evans. Tickets are £12.50 for adults, £10 concessions, available at www.cannockchasedrama.co.uk or on 07968 757820.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jewellery is stolen in house burglary

JEWELLERY and a digital camera were stolen after three homes were targeted by burglars in one night.

Intruders struck at the properties in Norton Canes on Thursday, after climbing onto a conservatory roof and breaking through a first floor window.

A man broke into a house in Norton Green Lane at 5.40pm by breaking a window and snatched jewellery and the camera.

He then targeted the house next door but he was disturbed and fled.

A crook also failed to gain entry to another house in Norton East Road.

Two arrests over robbery at shop

TWO men have been arrested following a robbery at a shop where a worker was threatened before thieves fled with cash.

Staffordshire Police said two men, aged 28 and 38, from Wolverhampton, were arrested on Friday evening.

The incident happened at the Day to Day convenience store in Brownshore Lane, Essington, earlier that day.

The men have been bailed, pending further inquiries, to a date in February.

Officers are keen to trace a third individual believed to be involved.

Alert issued over 'tax refund' emails

A WARNING about fraudsters pretending to be from the tax office has been issued to residents by Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner.

Matthew Ellis is urging people to be wary of emails informing the recipient they are entitled to a refund from HM Revenue & Customs.

He advised people not to click on the suggested link as it would lead to a bogus site that would corrupt whatever device was being used.

Bag baby bargains at Create hub sale

FAMILIES can pick up a bargain or turn clutter into cash at the first baby and child nearly-new sale at Create Community Hub in Huntington.

Vendors will pay £10 per table and keep whatever they earn, while customers pay a 50p admission charge.

Profits from the event will go towards the work of Create Community Hub. The sale is on March 18 from 12.30 to 2.30pm at the Create Community Hub next to Cannock Rugby Club off Stafford Road. Call 07703 043773.

Arts fun at museum

A BIRD RINGING group is holding a free event at the Museum of Cannock Chase. The Brewood Ringing Group will stage the event on Saturday from 11am to 3pm. There will be arts and crafts, Meet the Owl and a landscape-photography exhibition. Admission is free for adults and children.

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ANYONE taking bets on President Trump not completing his first four-year term? I'm not talking about assassination or impeachment but Trump simply getting fed up. Today, he is the star of the world. Tomorrow he will discover how little power he actually has, how much money he is losing, how he and his family's every move and every careless word or Tweet is dogged by the press and social media.

A READER asks, if somebody takes a pot-shot at President Trump, will the bodyguards shout: "Donald, duck!"

THAT great social observer Will Self suggests waspishly that the Army should be scrapped and replaced by giving weapons and training to all 30 million British adults. An assault rifle in every home. What could possibly go wrong?

SOMEONE gave me directions this week including: "You go down that road where the old pub used to be." Can there be a single road in England that does not fit that description? We are a land of lost pubs.

TO my surprise, I have the support of at least one reader who believes human needs should be given priority over wildlife when it comes to turning Swansea Bay into a vast electricity-generation tidal lagoon. He says: "When the wading birds have waded away, within a few months the new environment will be recolonised with new species which like the new conditions."

YOU have probably spotted the tiny problem with the statue of Cilla Black unveiled in Liverpool. In a classic example of the Emperor's new clothes, local people applauded the unveiling without daring to point out that it doesn't look even vaguely like Cilla.

READERS may be reminded of the celebrated "black Diana," the statue of the princess in black granite and unveiled in 2000. It looks nothing like Princess Di but bears a passing resemblance to Denis Norden without his specs. It stands outside a funeral directors in Walsall. Unlike the Scousers, Walsall folk have never kidded themselves it's a good likeness. "Demonic," was one Facebook user's opinion.

ROLF Harris is on trial for sex crimes with the jury told on day one of his previous convictions. He is giving evidence via a video link from prison. If one trial can begin with total disclosure, why can't they all? Many are a legal game where everyone in court, except the jury, knows the defendant is a serial villain with a criminal record, but all conspire to pretend it's the first time they've seen him.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Mansion will be setting for singers

Matthew Jones

STAFFORDSHIRE singers have an opportunity to stay at the county's Ingestre Hall as part of a national gathering.

Choir Camp 2017 is the brainchild of Rugeley musician Matthew Jones and will take over the Jacobean mansion from March 31 to April 2. He is busy writing arrangements for the occasion – spanning musical and vocal styles from classical to musical theatre, gospel and pop – and will team up with long-time collaborator Peter Straker.

Straker, of Hair and Ken Hill's Phantom of the Opera fame, is regarded as one of the greatest voices this country has ever produced. Also known for his work with Freddie Mercury and Dr Who appearances, Straker follows other stars Jones has brought to the hall in previous projects, including Maggie Moone, Madeline Bell and Boy George.

Open to singers of all abilities, the weekend will also feature a black-tie event, ghost hunting and time to explore Ingestre's grounds.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age by March 31. For details, contact Jenny Sloan on 0121 401 1380 or email info@saintececile.co.uk

Peter Straker

Drivers faced with a big fuel-price lottery

By Doug Wootton

THE CHEAPEST and most expensive petrol stations in Staffordshire have been revealed – showing almost 20p per litre difference between some garages.

Drivers are facing a lottery of fuel prices at the pumps, according to figures from a week-long petrol price watch.

Within a five-mile radius of Cannock, Sainsbury's, by the Orbital, proved to be the cheapest for unleaded, at £1.159 per litre, and was also cheapest for diesel at £1.169.

The most expensive garage proved to be the BP station at Norton Canes Services M6 Toll, where unleaded prices averaged £1.349 while its diesel prices were £1.369 per litre.

Within a five-mile radius of Stafford, Asda, in Lammascote Road, was the cheapest for unleaded petrol, costing £1.157 per litre, and was also cheapest for diesel at £1.177.

Demand

The most expensive garage, according to the PetrolPrices.com figures, was at the M6 Stafford Motorway Service Area, Stone, where unleaded petrol was £1.329 per litre and diesel was at £1.349.

Ninder Johal, member of Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, said: "I think prices will go up because of a few factors.

"Oil companies producing the oil have reduced supply, meaning there is less to fill a higher demand.

"Also, with Brexit, the currency has devalued which means the price we pay for oil is more."

Across the Black Country and South Staffordshire, the cheapest station for unleaded petrol was at the Asda garage off Queslett Road, Great Barr, where unleaded petrol was £1.147 per litre.

The data from the website was taken from the average prices of the petrol stations from the week commencing January 9.

It comes as it was revealed diesel has reached its most expensive price in more than two years, the RAC Foundation says.

Meeting to launch nature site group

Local residents who can spare a couple of hours a month are needed at Anglesey Nature Reserve

A COMMUNITY group is being established by residents and users of Anglesey Nature Reserve in Hednesford following a successful litter pick and tidy-up event.

Park users were joined by Cannock Chase Green Party and the Heart of Hednesford group for the event, resulting in a community group being established to undertake regular maintenance and improvement activities.

Now, a public meeting has been organised at Hednesford Library on Monday, January 30, at 6pm for the group to get things moving.

Organisers are asking for local residents who can spare a couple of hours a month to keep the park tidy, and complete small tasks and activities to improve the various walks, the brook and the woodland. This will be undertaken in conjunction with Cannock Chase Council which will ensure the ecology and conservation of the site is observed against an agreed management plan.

Local resident Mick Walker said: "A number of us regular park users have been wanting to keep the various walking routes tidy for a long time, and it's great that we can now help do our bit to help return the park to its former glory."

Paul Woodhead, Green Party councillor for Hednesford South, said: "This is community engagement and activism in action." Countryside campaigner and Green Party activist Stuart Crabtree said: "It is a real privilege to help establish this group with people who really care for the local environment."

Everyone is welcome at the meeting. For details call Paul on 07930 120077 or Stuart on 07528 885322.

Tax rise of 3p per day will cover lights bill

HEDNESFORD residents will pay 3p a day more for their town council over the next year.

The council has increased its precept from £9.91 to £10.57 per year for each person in the town.

A senior councillor said that represents exceptional value for money – and will cover council services and the town's Christmas lights.

Hednesford Town Council will pay for its lights after Cannock Chase Council pulled funding for town and community groups.

Derek Davis

Councillor Derek Davis, chairman of the town council's finance committee, said: "Following on from the most successful community Christmas event in 2016 the town council was determined to ensure that this continues in the future and has agreed to meet the cost of providing the illuminations.

"Funding will also be provided to ensure that the improved and extended Pye Green Community Centre will continue to be maintained to provide a first-rate venue for dance groups, keep fit, martial arts, social dances, mothers' and toddlers' groups, IT training, meeting facilities for local groups, information point and Citizens' Advice Centre outreach."

The town council's total precept has risen from £130,000 to £137,500 – mostly to cover the Christmas lights.

Arriva to change bus routes in city

ARRIVA is making changes to some of its bus routes in Wolverhampton city centre from February 25 to avoid congestion and improve punctuality.

Buses still serve Stafford Street, Broad Street, Lichfield Street, Queen Square and Victoria Street, but turn back via Skinner Street and Salop Street, rather than looping back around Cleveland Street, Garrick Street and Market Street.

The city centre route change affects services 70 and 71/71A, which will also no longer call at New Invention Square, with journeys operating direct between Essington Road and Lichfield Road.

Minor amendments have also been made to service 61 on certain journeys to avoid the congestion being experienced at school times.

Police in appeal over mountain bike theft

A GREY Carrera mountain bike was stolen after burglars cut a padlock to a carport and a shed in Lichfield.

The incident happened in Witley Drive. Anyone with information should call Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting 119 of January 18.

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Police issue a reminder on rules for 'smart' M6

STAFFORDSHIRE Police are reminding drivers to stick to the variable speed limits on the 'smart' section of the M6 – or face the consequences.

Drivers who are caught speeding can face fines, points and even a loss of licence. The force has issued a reminder to drive correctly as latest figures from Highways England show smart motorways are responsible for 19 per cent fewer collisions and can save up to 30 minutes on a journey.

Officers are warning that breaking designated speed limits can often cause congestion, increase the risk of accidents and lead to prosecution.

The M6 has gone smart from junction 10a, for the M54, and junction 13, for Stafford. After months of delays and setbacks, the smart stretch finally opened last February.

An original finish date of summer 2015 had previously been set.

Smart cameras work by capturing a photograph of any vehicle that is travelling over the speed limit, while a second camera simultaneously captures a photo of the last speed limit sign the vehicle passed, to confirm the required speed limit at that time.

Supt Simon Tweats, head of justice services at Staffordshire Police, said: "Smart motorways need smart drivers.

"For the M6 smart motorway to be a success and reduce delays and collisions, drivers need to pay attention to the variable speed limits.

"Be smart, follow the speed limit and let everyone get to their destination safely and efficiently."

Plans submitted for farm buildings

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Land south of Shropshire Brook, Horsey Lane, Upper Longdon – erection of two agricultural buildings for livestock and fodder.

Cantrill Cottage, Shaw Lane, Gentleshaw – installation of sliding entrance gate.

165 Highfields Road, Chasetown – single-storey rear and two-storey side extension to form kitchen/diner, breakfast area and bedroom.

31 St Pauls Road, Burntwood – erection of a two-bedroom detached bungalow and associated works.

Elias Ashmole Club And Institute, Meerash Lane, Hammerwich – erection of a single-storey retail unit.

Deadline for comments: February 6.

Bands are needed for village festival

ORGANISERS of the Codsall Beer Festival are seeking bands and musicians to perform at the two-day event.

The festival will be held at the village hall on October 6 and 7. Email info@codsallbeerfestival.co.uk

Expats have their say on President Trump

Donald Trump – 'petulant'

EXPATS who left Staffordshire and the Black Country for the United States have been giving their thoughts on Donald Trump.

Discussing everything from his plans for the economy, healthcare and foreign policy it is clear that the region's former residents have differing views on this controversial figure.

● Cannock-born Jean Giroux lived in the town until she was 22. In 1966 she decided to make the move to the US and settled in Connecticut.

She said: "I am absolutely horror struck by this man, and very frightened for this country. I really don't think that his presidency will have much effect on me, but it will be a mess for my children, grandchildren and as yet unborn grandchildren. He is a petulant five-year-old in a 70-year-old body, and cannot stand for anyone to say anything about him."

● Fellow expat Simon Nash, 33, lived in Walsall until he was 21. He studied politics and government at the University of Birmingham.

He said: "It turns out that there's a lot of people for whom racism, sexism, and hate speech is their stock in trade, and his 'message' resonated with many more of them than I think even he expected."

● Steve Bradley grew up in Pennsett, Dudley, and moved at the age of 22 to the US. Now 45, he is the president of Midwest-based manufacturer Scot Young Research Inc, which also has a base in Lye.

He said: "Having lived through and experienced first-hand the eight years of Obama, I can assure you the change to Trump is welcomed by those who wish to prosper in such a great country."

County schools above the national average

STAFFORDSHIRE continues to perform above the national average for its GCSE results, new figures show.

A total of 54.7 per cent of pupils in schools across the county are achieving five or more GCSE grades A* to C including English and maths, compared with a national average of 53.5 per cent.

The county also beats the national average set on the new Attainment 8 scores.

Attainment 8 gauges the achievement of a pupil across eight qualifications including maths and English, which are double-weighted, three further qualifications that count in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) measure, and three other qualifications that can be GCSEs or any other approved equivalent qualification. A score out of 80 is calculated.

Staffordshire had an average score of 48.9, just over the national average of 48.5. In the Black Country, no authority scored above 47.8.

The second new set of figures is called Progress 8. This looks at the progress a pupil makes from the end of primary school to the end of secondary school and compares pupils' results with the achievements of others who have the same prior achievements.

Potential

Using this new barometer, 7.3 per cent of schools in the county are judged to be underperforming. By comparison, Wolverhampton had 29.4 per cent of schools underperforming and Walsall had 26.3 per cent.

Councillor Ben Adams, education boss on Staffordshire County Council, said the authority was 'keen to build' on the figures, with the ultimate goal of schools 'ensuring each pupil achieves their potential'.

He said: "With the phasing out of the old performance measures and the introduction of the new Attainment 8 score amongst others, it is difficult to compare the latest set of results to previous years. Even so, the results today show that Staffordshire children are continuing to perform above the national average, and this is something we are keen to build on over the next few years.

"What I want to see now is an improvement in the progress of students, so schools are ensuring each pupil achieves their potential.

"It is clear that more needs to be done at A-level so we will continue to work with sixth forms, colleges and training providers to ensure results improve."

Olympic gymnast gets school jumping

Dominick with Year 6 sports ambassadors Katie Hayward, Kacper Kajoch, Shaun Sutcliffe and Amber Gray

OLYMPIC gymnast Dominick Cunningham put pupils through their paces when he visited Redhill Primary School, Chadsmoor.

The session began with all of the children in the school taking part in a fitness circuit comprising of four vigorous activities including star jumps, spotty dog, press-ups and leg thrusts.

"With loud music playing and classes able to stay to watch and encourage each other the atmosphere was fabulous and everyone had a great but tiring time," said teacher Paul Mobberley. Once the circuits were complete, everyone returned to the hall for an inspirational assembly led by Dominick.

He showed several video clips of him in action, talked about his early career, how he got into gymnastics, some of the sacrifices and setbacks he has had to get where he is and his goals for the future. Some of the children were able to hold the Olympic torch as they reenacted the relay.

However, the highlight was Dominick demonstrating his amazing skills by performing numerous gymnastic moves to the entranced audience.

These included various rolls and flips, walking on his hands and some awesome balances including on a classroom table. Several pupils said they felt inspired to be a gymnast following the visit.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Homes in same road burgled

TWO homes in the same road were targeted by burglars in recent days.

Cash was stolen from a home in Ferncombe Drive, Rugeley, after it was broken into on Friday. Intruders got into the property between 8am and 8pm by removing beading from a kitchen window.

Then overnight between Friday and Saturday another home in the street was targeted when again the kitchen window was targeted but the culprit failed to gain access.

Anyone with information should call Staffordshire Police on 101.

National Trust in volunteers appeal

THE National Trust is looking for volunteers to help run its properties in Staffordshire.

Roles include a conservation volunteer at Downs Banks, Stone; a room guide at Kinver Rock Houses; and an art guide at Wightwick Manor, Wolverhampton. A position at Moseley Old Hall is for a King's Door Steward, which involves greeting visitors.

Helen Wilshaw, a volunteering and visitor services manager at the trust, said: "We see volunteers from all walks of life." For more information visit nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer

Police trace goods stolen by burglars

BURGLARY victims are being asked to contact police after stolen items were found.

Officers say they have traced a significant amount of goods.

The items are believed to have been taken in house burglaries, and shed and garage break-ins and from vehicles. The items could have come from the Lichfield, Burntwood, Cannock or surrounding areas.

Contact Pc Simon Lawrence on 101 for details about the goods.

Ales aplenty for the winter beer festival

LICHFIELD Arts have ordered over 30 beers and ciders for the winter beer festival taking place tomorrow and Saturday at the city's Guildhall.

In addition, there is live music on both evenings by two of Lichfield's most popular bands – 3's Company tomorrow and Last Orders on Saturday.

Tickets for the festival are now available and can be booked at www.lichfieldarts.org.uk or on 01543 262223. They are £2 on both days before 6pm and £3 after.

Nine-mile walk ahead

CHASE Ramblers will be going on a nine-mile moderate walk from Abbots Bromley this Sunday. The meeting point as usual is Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For further details call Gary on 07709 039807. New walkers are welcome.

IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

Sweet man who put his town on the map

YOU would need a heart of stone not to laugh at Amber Rudd's speech to the Conservative Party conference in Birmingham last year being recorded by West Midlands Police as a 'hate incident'.

Apparently, a professor of physics called Joshua Silver – sounds more like he should be in Pirates of the Caribbean to me – took offence at something the Home Secretary said and called the police. He hadn't actually heard the speech, but we don't what little details like that to get in the way of a bit of pompous virtue signalling, do we?

Anyway, the good news is that the crime rate is obviously so low in the West Midlands that the Old Bill found time to investigate. They concluded that no crime had been committed, which you might think might would be the end of the matter, but in the strange world of "hate" legislation it is never that simple. If you're found guilty it's a crime, but if you're innocent it is recorded as a "hate incident".

This sort of thing would normally make me livid. But this is the Home Secretary, the figurehead for the establishment which created all this nonsense. Poetic justice is the phrase which springs to mind.

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BY the way, the definition of "hate crimes" on a poster in my local library includes "anything that is offensive to your family." I take it mother-in-law jokes are out, then?

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MANY people in the Black Country will be saddened to hear of the death of Dudley confectioner Ted Gray, aged 81.

Ted, who worked full time until the age of 76, was one of the old school, a type of businessman you rarely find today. A small, quietly spoken man with a proper Black Country accent, he never had any big ambitions or grandiose expansion plans, he just liked sweets and wanted to carry on his family tradition. His tiny, beautifully chaotic office was stacked high with precarious piles of paper, the walls festooned with sepia pictures chronicling the company's history. He lived within walking distance of the factory.

As a journalist, I remember feeling a sense of frustration at this modest, unassuming man's reluctance to deliver any boastful soundbites that would make my job easier. Teddy Gray's shops were selling the classic sweets in jars long before it became fashionable, and even today there is something unmistakably welcoming about them that the new pretenders can't quite emulate.

It is often hard to explain to outsiders what makes the Black Country special, but this unassuming little man had it in spades.

World famous in Dudley, that's what he was. A proper Black Country mon who wouldn't have had it any other way.

Baroness Heyhoe Flint collects her OBE in 2008

With her friend and former Wolves and England boss Graham Taylor

Heyhoe Flint in the World Cup winning year of 73

City ambassador and a sporting trailblazer

As tributes are paid following the death of Baroness Heyhoe Flint, **HEATHER LARGE** looks back on her life and legacy

SHE was known for being a proud Wulfrunian with a heart of gold and a trailblazer for women's sport.

But to her beloved football club, Baroness Heyhoe Flint will always be "Our Rachael – warm, witty, hugely competent and irreplaceable."

As Wolves mourn the loss of their vice-president tributes have flooded in from the world of sport for one of England's finest female cricketers. And there was an outpouring of grief from across Wolverhampton – the city she loved and called home.

Her son Ben says Wolverhampton and Wolves meant everything to the 77-year-old.

"She, the club and the city were intrinsically linked," he said.

Gruelling

Baroness Heyhoe Flint was still a familiar and much-loved face at Molineux up until her recent illness. She was a proud supporter of the club in continuing to take a keen interest in Wolves' charity and community work despite her own gruelling schedule.

"She went to every game when she was a director, home and away, rain or sleet, bottom of the table or top of the table. For 30 years it was the mainstay of her life," added Ben.

Wolves club secretary Richard Skirrow said: "We have lost a really special lady. I've known her well for over 20 years. You felt you knew her well from the first meeting as she was such a warm and engaging person. Rachael was a bundle of energy; tireless, always on the move and always, it seemed, happy.

"Her many achievements will be well documented and for her charity fundraising alone she should perhaps have been more highly decorated but, at Wolves, she'll just always be "our Rachael" – warm, witty, hugely competent and irreplaceable."

At the Molineux home of her beloved Wolves, where she served as vice president

Born on June 11 1939 to PE teachers Roma Crocker and Geoffrey Heyhoe, the former Wolverhampton Girls High School pupil excelled at sport from an early age and later taught PE.

She went on to play a pivotal role in developing women's cricket, captaining England during a career which spanned two decades, and leading her country to victory in the 1973 World Cup.

During her first House of Lords speech in 2011, she said: "My challenges in sport began with garden cricket aged seven with my brother and his friends.

"I wasn't allowed to bat for three years because girls don't play cricket. When I did eventually get to bat, the boys couldn't get me out for three days, so in the middle of June they decided it was the football season."

It was while playing cricket that she became friends with Sir Jack Hayward when he sponsored the women's team in 1970. Years later she still credited him with playing a major role in providing her with the platform to make a name for herself.

Baroness Heyhoe Flint became the first woman to be admitted to the MCC when her playing career ended and in 2004 she became the first woman elected to the full committee. She later became the first woman to be inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame.

Ben added: "Women's cricket was an unknown sport then, and under-funded, which is where her wonderful friendship with Sir Jack Hayward started. There was a lot of bigotry in sport then and she faced real barriers. But she was a trailblazer.

"She applied to the MCC under the radar as R.Flint. As the MCC started to process her application they thought she was a bloke.

"They suddenly realised there was a woman applying. The MCC held a referendum on female members and after a second referendum it got through.

"I was there the day the vote was passed at Lords, it was just amazing. She has been a great role model."

Later Baroness Heyhoe Flint became a successful journalist – working for the Express & Star and as sports editor on the Wolverhampton Chronicle – and an award-winning after dinner speaker.

After Sir Jack took over Wolves in 1990, Baroness Heyhoe Flint became heavily involved in the club's public relations department, From 1997 to 2003 she served as a director at Sir Jack's request, later being made a vice-president.

She was President of the Lady Taverners from 2001 to 2011 and a Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands. In 2008 she received her OBE from the Prince of Wales and two years later was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.

Honoured

In 2011 she was honoured by her home city by being granted the Freedom of Wolverhampton. She was also inducted into Wolverhampton's Sporting Hall of Fame.

Ben said: "A lot of people had wonderful things to say about her over the years but to me she was just mum. She was a great person, a legend in terms of the simple things like her sportsmanship and the love of her family.

"She was just a giving person, always thinking about other people, not herself. It was almost impossible for me to keep track of everything she was doing."

Huge crowds are expected at Baroness Heyhoe Flint's funeral on February 8. A funeral cortege will leave Molineux at 2pm and make its way to St Peter's Church. Some fans will be able to attend church, but via a ballot. Numbers will be limited due to the amount of people expected to pay their respects.

To apply for a place, email fans@wolves.co.uk with Rachael Heyhoe Flint in the subject line, and include a name, address and supporter number. It will be family flowers only at the funeral.

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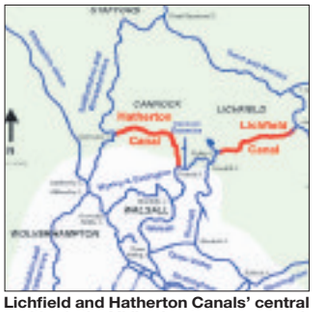
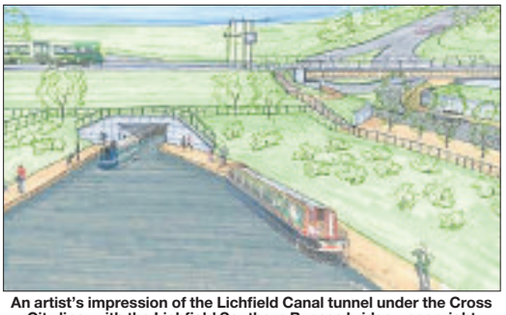
Dig deep for tunnel appeal, actor urges

LHCRT vice-president David Suchet, left, chairman David Dixon, centre, and engineering director Peter Buck launch the Tunnel Vision Appeal at the London Boat Show *Picture courtesy of LHCRT*



Lichfield and Hatherton Canals' central position in the Midland waterways network



An artist's impression of the Lichfield Canal tunnel under the Cross City line, with the Lichfield Southern Bypass bridge upper right

DAVID SUCHET put Lichfield's canal on the national stage when he officially launched a £1 million appeal.

The actor, most famous for playing Hercule Poirot in the television series for almost 25 years, announced Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust's Tunnel Vision Appeal at the London Boat Show.

Mr Suchet is vice-president of the trust and also vice-president of the Inland Waterways Association, who hosted the appeal launch.

He said: "I'm not only a supporter of the inland waterways but I'm a huge enthusiast and a practitioner – I actually use them – and I would like to bring awareness on a national level to the support groups and individuals who not only help to maintain the canals but are actually responsible for bringing these dead canals back to life."

LHCRT is restoring a seven-mile section of canal linking the Birmingham Canal Navigations near Brownhills to the Coventry Canal at Huddlesford. When the Lichfield Southern Bypass was built, the trust raised £490,000 to install a canal culvert under the new road. Now plans to extend the bypass are well advanced, and these will include a railway bridge to be installed during a brief possession of the Cross City line, probably in late 2019.

LHCRT intends to take this opportunity to drive a tunnel under the railway near the new bridge, and is working with Staffordshire County Council to ensure the maximum cost benefit for both schemes, but to do that it must raise £1m by spring 2019.

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Goodbye Brussels

WHO would have thought we would become the poor relations of Germany and France after all that happened in the last century.

It is reported that people are getting cold feet after voting to get away from these allies. The problem is, many anti-Brexit supporters were not alive when we were a country standing on our own two feet and better off.

The European Union has lost its way and become something it never set out to be. Goodbye Brussels.

ROGER ALLEN
Great Wyrley

Searching for heroes

THE British Heart Foundation is asking readers for their nominations for our Heart Hero Awards 2017.

The four categories this year are: Inspiration award; Fighting spirit award; Young hero award; Heart health professional award.

Find out more at www.bhf.org.uk/heartheroes

SIMON GILLESPIE
Chief executive

This is the wrong solution to flood problem

COULD somebody please explain why millions of pounds is to be spent on a one-in-a-hundred-year possibility of a flood. Our roads are falling apart. The A513 floods every time it rains.

The latest episode closed the road for two days causing chaos and inconvenience, not to mention the expense.

And our council is to build a dam across a field that in 50 years I have never seen flooded. Maybe one of our senior residents may have witnessed the flood of the century? I have seen Rugeley flooded. The rain water started running down Sandy Lane and Burnthill Lane, overloaded the drains, ran across the Globe Island and down through the town centre.

So a small flood barrier across the entrance to the town centre would divert the water across Horse Fair and down St Pauls Road.

Rising Brook was artificially raised up to feed the three water mills that used to exist either side of Western Springs Road and Elmore Lane. This means that a weir could be installed to overflow the stream onto farmland.

No dam would be required and, in the event of a one-in-a-hundred-year event, compensation to the farmer would be minuscule in comparison.

So how do our council make the decisions they make? We employ them to spend our money wisely, and we get a dam that will never hold water, and roads that are a disgrace.

KEVIN BALL
Rugeley

Stories wanted for book about Cannock

BRIDGTOWN and District Local History Society are looking to extend their current boundaries.

We are researching and preparing for a new book entitled A Walk Into Cannock, which will be published in the autumn. To date, the society have restricted their research to Bridgtown, Churchbridge and Wedges Mills but now feel that this move towards Cannock will fit well with their existing activities.

Accordingly we invite anyone interested in the heritage and history of Cannock to contribute to the project.

If there is sufficient interest, it may result in a larger and more informed society but that is perhaps for the future.

We would like to hear from people with old photographs, stories and memories of Cannock that can be incorporated into our new book. Please contact the society on 01922 412008. Thanking you in anticipation.

JOHN DEVEY
Chairman, B&DLHS

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A contrast in values

AS a devout agnostic I have noticed that many socialists, communists, atheists and humanists seem to aspire to ideals not dissimilar to those of Jesus with their egalitarian values, comradeship, and the pursuit of world peace. In contrast to this we have self-confessed Christians such as Tony Blair and Theresa May worshipping the pursuit of boundless wealth, to the detriment of the poor.

HAYDN GREENWAY
Cannock

My concern is all about welfare cap

IN reply to Mr A Allport ("Stop criticising landlords", January 12), as usual he takes what I have written out of context.

He then tries to justify it by making comments that are irrelevant with regard to my past letters on unreasonable private rents.

My letters were about the Government's £6,000 welfare cap, pushing one-parent families into poverty and homelessness in areas where unscrupulous landlords are charging extortionate rents.

I have never made a claim that all private landlords are unscrupulous, but I do believe caps should be introduced where applicable.

It's no good Mr Allport trying to blame the last Labour government for the social housing problems of today.

As I remember things, the Thatcher and John Major-led Tory government did nothing about it either.

COUN PAUL WITTON
Cannock South

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Now we can start looking to the rest of the world

I READ recently that someone was glad 2016 was over. Why? Because it was the year the Eton crew were ousted!

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Surgery placed in special measures over failings

A GP surgery with nearly 2,000 patients has been placed in special measures after serious failings were found.

Landywood Lane Surgery, based at Great Wyrley Health Centre in Great Wyrley, has been rated 'inadequate' by the Care Quality Commission.

Inspectors found that recruitment checks for new staff had not taken place and that staff did not know how to report a serious incident. Now the surgery has been placed in special measures and has six months to show improvements or else face closure.

The surgery was rated 'inadequate' for its safety and leadership, while its effectiveness and responsiveness were also found to be in need of improvement.

Landywood Lane Surgery, based at Great Wyrley Health Centre, has six months to show improvements or else face closure

Significant

A report prepared after inspectors visited in September said: "The process for recording, investigating and learning from incidents that might affect patient safety had weaknesses.

"For example, there was no policy and procedure to guide staff on the reporting, recording and managing of significant events, and not all incidents had been recognised and reported.

"We saw an instance whereby staff had not recognised when an incident should have been reported as a significant event. For example, the practice had been informed that a cervical cytology specimen had been taken 48 months too early.

"There was no evidence to support that this had been raised as a significant event or investigated.

"Systems were not in place to monitor the use of prescription stationery or the non-collection of prescriptions.

"We found prescriptions dated December 2015, March 2016 and June 2016 that had not been collected.

"Not all equipment had been checked for electrical safety or calibrated for accuracy.

"The practice did not stock a full range of emergency medicines, including injectable antihistamine, steroid, anti-emetic or any form of diazepam.

"The practice did not have adequate arrangements in place to respond to emergencies and major incidents."

The practice was rated good for its level of caring, with inspectors noting 'members of staff were courteous and very helpful to patients and treated them with dignity and respect'.

Margaret Broome, manager of Landywood Lane Surgery, said: "We are pleased that the CQC's report acknowledges the positive feedback we have received from patients about kindness, dignity, respect and compassion and the patients' involvement in decisions about their care and treatment. However, they have also identified areas we need to improve, and we have worked very hard to address the issues they have raised.

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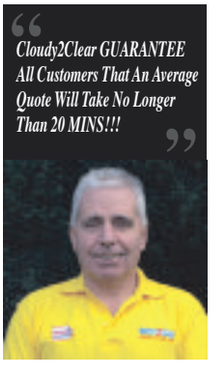

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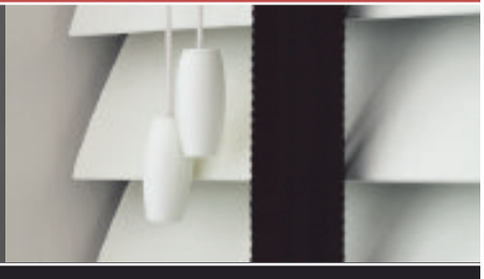

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Classic Austen story takes to the stage

THE cast for the performance of an adapted novel at a Staffordshire theatre has been announced.

Emma Ballantine, Eva Feiler, Jonathan Hansler, Harry Livingstone, Joe Parker, Annabelle Terry, Hilary Tones and Joseph Tweedale make up the cast of Northanger Abbey.

The group will be performing the adaptation of the popular Jane Austin novel at the Lichfield Garrick next month.

The cast will be supported by director Karen Simpson, designer Dawn Allsopp, lighting designer Mark Dymock, composer Matt Bugg, movement director Julia Cave, production manager Andy Stubbs, deputy stage manager Sam Craven, and assistant stage manager Anna Jenkins.

Northanger Abbey is playing at the Lichfield Garrick from Monday, February 13 until Wednesday, February 15 at 7.30pm with a 2.30pm performance on the Wednesday.

To book, call the theatre's box office on 01543 412121 or go to www.lichfieldgarrick.com

Northanger Abbey tells the story of 17-year-old Catherine Morland, who is taken by her aunt to Bath where she befriends Isabella Thorpe and her boorish brother John.

She also meets the charming but eccentric Henry Tilney with his sister Eleanor and works hard to get to know them better.

However, John Thorpe has other plans and is determined to have Catherine for himself.

Following a string of deceptions, Catherine finally sees through his tricks and lies and the story comes to a head at Northanger Abbey.

Emma Ballantine as Catherine Morland in Northanger Abbey

Meeting to hear views on new access to site

RESIDENTS and businesses are being urged to have their say on options to provide access to a new business development.

The scheme involving the former ROF Featherstone site could create up to 2,500 jobs.

A public consultation event is taking place next week. The site, north of the M54 and between the A449 and A460, is already attracting significant interest from developers.

A planning application is expected to be submitted this autumn for the new access, which would be necessary to manage extra traffic.

The consultation event takes place on Tuesday, January 31, at Featherstone Community Centre between 2pm and 8pm.

People can take part in the consultation and find out more by visiting www.staffordshire.gov.uk/roffeatherstone until February 12.

The county council's economic growth leader Mark Winnington said: "The former ROF Featherstone site is one of a number we are investing in to encourage businesses to relocate to Staffordshire to create jobs and invest in the local supply chain. It has not been used for a number of years, but is in a prime location to offer businesses a cost-effective base. The site has the potential to create up to 2,500 jobs."

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Hughes puts finishing touches to new album

Glenn Hughes, left, and bandmate Joe Bonamassa after a session in a Hollywood recording studio

A NEW album by Cannock-born rocker Glenn Hughes and his supergroup Black Country Communion is edging closer to completion.

Hughes, once of of legendary band Deep Purple, posted a picture on Twitter of him and his bandmate Joe Bonamassa after a session at a recording studio in Hollywood.

Their group is currently recording its fourth album. It is the band's first for five years, following 2012's Afterglow, which reached the top 50 in the Billboard 200 in the United States. But by March 2013 the band had split.

Hughes, who also fronted the early-1970s Wolverhampton band Trapeze, tweeted: "Almost finished recording #BCC 4. Pictured here with brother @JBONAMASSA (guitarist Joe Bonamassa) at the studio in Hollywood."

Black Country Communion also includes drummer Jason Bonham, who has played with Led Zeppelin and Foreigner.

Keyboardist Derek Sherinian, who has played with Dream Theater, Alice Cooper, Kiss and Billy Idol, completes the line-up.

£1.5m for potholes 'at just the right time'

CANNOCK Chase's champion of the pothole protesters has welcomed new funding to tackle the state of the district's roads.

Amanda Milling said the new funding 'could not come at a better time'. Staffordshire is to receive £1.58 million from a pothole action fund. Last year, the county was given a little more than £1m.

"The news of this funding could not come at a better time and it builds on the funding which was announced last year," Ms Milling, MP for Cannock Chase, said.

"I recently launched my 2017 Pothole Patrol campaign to get more potholes in Cannock Chase repaired as it is a constant frustration for road and footpath users. I would urge people to take part in my Pothole Patrol campaign so that we can make sure Staffordshire County Council are aware of the issues in and around Cannock Chase.

"This extra government funding is very welcome, and I want to make sure that we see improvements to the roads here in Cannock Chase."

The state of the county's roads has been a long-running issue for residents.

Cannock Chase Council's deputy leader Gordon Alcott has previously claimed that 'there must be a pothole on every road' in Cannock Chase, while fellow district councillor Alan Dudson has suggested that the roads in Syria are in a better condition.

By Jack Averty

The new funds have also previously been backed by South Staffordshire MP and Conservative chief whip Gavin Williamson.

He said: "This funding is welcome news for families and businesses in Staffordshire who rely on our roads to get around. It builds on the £1,069,000 we got last year and is the latest step in our plan to build a country that works for everyone."

Anyone wanting to take part in the Pothole Patrol campaign can do so at www.amandamilling.com/campaigns/pothole-patrol

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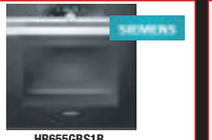
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Auction goes towards year of speakers

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Restoration is ongoing with the latest phase being the North Park bringing back the 'Capability' Brown original plan with an oak woodland, open heath, and views over the mile long lake.

Trentham is the fourth most visited garden in the UK. Mike said it prided itself on now having something to see all year round.

Later in the evening the members held a successful mini-auction which raised money towards funding speakers for this year.

No meeting, but group stays busy

Ridwares WI

ALTHOUGH no meeting was held in December, The Ridwares WI had a busy month.

Following the successful Tinsel and Trimmings evening, several members attended the Federation carol service at Lichfield Cathedral. The winter coach trip saw members enjoying shopping and lunch at Bridgemere Gardens before going on to Arley Hall in Cheshire for an evening tour.

The hall was beautifully decorated for Christmas and a ladies' a capella choir moved from room to room singing carols and other seasonal songs.

The Ridwares WI held their Christmas party at Hawkesyard Hall in Armitage. A superb three-course meal was followed by coffee and mince pies and entertainment provided by Colette Carthy's great vocals.

The new year came in and a pantomime trip was the next outing. WI members and their families boarded a coach to Birmingham Hippodrome for a hilarious evening with John Barrowman as Dick Whittington.

The first coffee morning of the new year was held, with the popular introduction of bacon butties, together with the usual toasted tea cakes, biscuits and beverages.

The next coffee morning will be held at the village hall on February 6, from 10.30am. The next meeting of The Ridwares WI will be held on February 21. Sue Burford will talk on holistic healing.

Ladies get in the pantomime spirit

Cheslyn Hay TG

GOING, going, gone could be heard at Cheslyn Hay Townswomen's Guild at their auction on January 19.

It was the first meeting of the new year, but not the first time some of the ladies had met since Christmas as a group went to Wolverhampton Grand to see the pantomime Aladdin.

There where a number of primary schools in attendance too and everyone joined in the shouting of "Oh no we didn't, Oh yes you did!" In fact since the start of 2017 all members have all been quite vocal.

The guild meets on the third Thursday of the month, from 2-4pm at Cheslyn Hay Community Centre. New members welcome.

Widow of opportunity

Chadsmoor and Cannock Widows

CHADSMOOR and Cannock Widows is a local club which meets each Thursday at St Chads Church,Chadsmoor, from 1-3pm.

The club was opened 25 years ago by Pat Beard. The club currently has 32 members, ranging in age from the mid-50s to 96.

Party singer gets everyone in swing

Norton Canes WI

THE December meeting was opened by Christine Mason and the minutes read by Margaret Shirley.

The Christmas party then followed. It began with with a very good singer Louise Roberts, better known as Loa.

She really made things swing and had the ladies dancing. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment and after the music finished, it was time for the party food, which went down very well.

So with Christmas gone and the new year begun (everyone hopes it is as good as last year), the group had its January meeting, which was well supported even though it was a cold evening.

It comprised a social night, some stories and jokes told by Kath Dutton followed by a quiz and a good natter and finished off with tea and biscuits.

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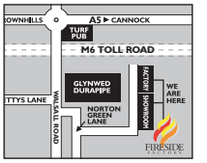

Pupils' outdoor fun with £3k grant

Sheena Hawkins, Midland Expressway's schools foundation administrator, joins pupils in the custom built outdoor ship

A BURNTWOOD school has received a welcome financial boost to one its projects thanks to the operators of the M6 Toll.

Chase Terrace was one of the five successful primary schools to be awarded with a project grant of £3,000 from Midlands Expressway.

The money has been used by the school to build an outdoor ship for use in supporting imaginative play.

Jamie Maritza, the early years foundation stage leader at Chase Terrace, thanked Midland Expressway for its generosity.

She said: "On behalf of everyone at Chase Terrace Primary School we would like to say a very big thank you to Midland Expressway. Our custom-built outdoor ship entitled Chase Terrace Explorers has made our outdoor learning environment come to life.

"The children have never been so eager and excited to get outside," she added.

"We have already been on so many adventures and can't wait to continue to enhance children's learning, imagination and creativity."

Colin Mabey, the director of systems and IT at Midland Expressway, said the company wishes to play its part 'in nurturing and creating opportunity for our young people'.

He said: "Chase Terrace's project application really captured our attention.

"The ship will help the children develop their gross motor skills and support their imaginative play.

"Our business is located within the county and we wish to play our part in nurturing and creating opportunity for our young people to enjoy new experiences and develop their talents."

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Extra bins plea to stop truckers littering

EXTRA litter bins around business parks and nearby streets are urgently needed to help stop lorry drivers littering, an MP claims.

Householders and businesses in Rugeley have complained about the mess left by HGV drivers in residential areas and now, Amanda Milling, MP for Cannock Chase, is calling for more dedicated HGV parking facilities.

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In the meantime she wants more litter bins.

Residents and business bosses have protested about the mess, which includes food and even human waste.

The MP recently spoke in Parliament calling for better parking facilities for HGV drivers to be included in the development of new business parks and distribution centres.

She said often drivers had no choice but to park up on side roads before or after making deliveries.

Ms Milling believes extra litter bins would help to reduce friction between businesses, residents and drivers. She said: "The vast number of HGV drivers are responsible and do not leave a mess behind.

"There are a number of drivers leaving litter and waste behind on residential roads and on the business parks in Rugeley. A simple action, like more litter bins, would help to alleviate some of the problems."

Ms Milling has already raised the issue with Amazon, which says it is investigating the problem.

Company spokeswoman Melanie Etches said: "There are a number of professional overnight parking locations, and Amazon could promote those parking facilities more to companies.

"We have had our transport management company brief all companies attending Amazon to show appropriate respect for our neighbours."

Coach delighted at skaters' gold medals

Skating stars – Cameron Sargent and Sophie Ravenscroft with their coach Sarah Carter

A DYNAMIC duo are celebrating after returning from an international ice-skating contest having struck gold.

Cameron Sargent, aged 15, and Sophie Ravenscroft, nine, train at Silver Blades Ice Rink in Cannock, and took part in the International Inclusive Skating Competition in Finland. The achievements demostrate the determination shown by Cameron, from Coven, who has autism, and Sophie, from Rugeley, who lives with cystic fibrosis.

Cameron, who competes in the junior men's category, won a gold medal and scored the highest score at the contest in Finland in December. Sophie, who also won gold, competes in the novice ladies category.

Coach Sarah Carter was 'delighted' and is now looking forward to their next competition in Glasgow in April.

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‘Fun’ new book aims to capture history of park

A year Rich in humour

Train of thought – Rich Hall is one of a number of famous comedians who will be appearing in Staffordshire this year

AMERICAN comedian Rich Hall is coming to Staffordshire this year.

The 62-year-old comedian is to perform at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre on Friday, May 26. Combining comedy and music, Hall has made regular appearances on Live at the Apollo, Have I Got News For You and Never Mind the Buzzcocks.

He will join a stellar line-up of comedians performing at the Gatehouse this year including Ross Noble on Wednesday, February 15, Lee Nelson on Friday, March 10, Richard Herring on Saturday, April 1, Jasper Carrott on Wednesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 6, Henning Wehn on Thursday, May 11 and Joel Dommett on Saturday, May 27.

Tickets for Rich Hall’s show, which starts at 8pm, are £17.50 available from the box office on 01785 619080 or online at www.staffordgatehousetheatre.co.uk

This Saturday, The Pitmen Poets are at the Gatehouse with a show containing lighter moments to counterbalance some of the realities of life in the mining industry.

VISITORS to Hednesford Park could play a part in the production of a new book.

From Pools to Play! will capture the history of the park and war memorial in a ‘fun and interactive way which families will enjoy’.

Cannock Chase Council is inviting all park users – past and present – to help with research for the book.

As part of a successful Heritage Lottery funded project, the council is undertaking restoration and development work at the park and memorial which started in 2013.

As part of these ongoing works, the council has teamed up with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles to produce a lasting legacy which will celebrate the park’s heritage for future generations.

A ‘Hidden Gems’ memory session will be held tomorrow (Friday) between 11am and 1pm at the Museum of Cannock Chase for members of this group. The event will provide an opportunity for members to their stories and photographs which may be included in the published book.

Celebrate

To become a member of the Hidden Gems group, contact the museum on 01543 877666. Memories can also be shared using the online form which is accessible via the council`s website.

Lisa Shephard, creative development manager for Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles, said: “This is a brilliant creative project which will bring our community together to celebrate our local heritage.”

Councillor Christine Mitchell, leader of culture and sport, said: “This is a fantastic way of documenting the history of the park and war memorial for future generations.

“This won`t be your typical history book – instead it will be full of facts and anecdotal memories from those who have used the park.”

The book From Pools to Play! will be available to purchase in 2018, subject to publishing schedules. For further information or to share a memory, visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/book or contact Lynn Evans on 07855 099353.

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Commissioner tackles concerns over merger

STAFFORDSHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner has moved to alleviate concerns around proposals to merge police and fire services in the county.

Concerns have been raised by the Fire Brigades Union and residents on the back of last month's independent report titled 'Is there a case for full integration?' stating the move would save £5.4 million a year and could feasibly happen as early as April.

Rich Williams, FBU chairman for Staffordshire, has previously opposed the extra influence PCC Matthew Ellis would have over the fire service, while the public have voiced their opposition to the proposals.

However, Mr Ellis has said that both organisations 'could be doing more' with the available resources.

He said: "Staffordshire's fire service is spread thinly with further cuts of 40 firefighters agreed.

"Whilst police numbers have been maintained in Staffordshire over recent years the force are also facing more pressures with internet crime outstripping 'traditional' crime and the need for police to be prepared for the unexpected. Uniformed policing on our streets and a fire service that can adequately cover a county our size is important.

Matthew Ellis – 'new opportunities'

"The fire and police services each have their own separate administrative and support functions providing the same or similar for each service – one finance department for the fire service and another finance department for police, two HR departments, two IT departments and two control rooms. These are all examples that are done in similar ways from similar places, just a few miles apart. So why not do it once?"

The move could see 4,000 police officers, firefighters and other staff brought under one employer, with scope to share stations and have a joint control centre for emergency calls.

Mr Ellis added: "An independent report which looked at options identifies millions of pounds in savings by combining support functions.

"That could be spent on the frontline of fire and policing.

"The public would see fire and police as two distinct emergency services at the front end, with their own specialisms but a shared back office.

"It would offer new opportunities for working together more effectively day to day in order to prevent harm and do more. The crossovers between the two services are significant, the savings that could be redirected to frontline operations are substantial.

"We could be doing more with what we have," Mr Ellis said.

Hospice branches out and raises £8,500

Left, Chris Gray of Lichfield Cathedral, Sarah Clarke and Aaron Coleman of St Giles Hospice, Nick Meade of Lichfield Tree Works

MORE than 1,300 trees were chipped as part of St Giles Hospice's successful Christmas Treecycle campaign.

For the third year in a row, Lichfield Tree Works Ltd worked alongside the hospice to offer a service for people in the charity's catchment area to have their real Christmas trees picked up and chipped in return for a donation.

A total of £8,500 was raised for St Giles through the scheme, after 903 local people and businesses signed up to have their tree taken away. Aaron Coleman, events organiser for the hospice, said: "We were absolutely overwhelmed by the amazing response and would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved."

A number of local businesses sponsored the campaign alongside Lichfield Tree Works Ltd, including Magical Story and The Christmas Decorators, while Spectrum Plant in Cannock provided £500 worth of chipper machinery without charge. Anker Van Hire and A1 Vehicle Rentals also offered their services at a discounted price, and Lichfield Cathedral signed up to have 45 trees collected from its Christmas Tree Festival.

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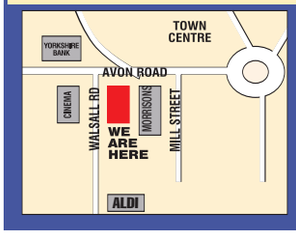

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It is believed King Henry VII spent the night there before his decisive victory at the Battle of Bosworth Field allowed him to seize the throne. It is now on the market with the potential to become a 'fabulous' wedding venue.

In 1485 the hall was home to Henry's mother Margaret Beaufort, who had wedded the powerful Lord Thomas Stanley after the death of her third husband. Hours before the battle, Henry apparently snuck away from his march from Lichfield to Bosworth and rode to visit her.

Haselour Hall is on the market for £4 million

One of the many exquisite rooms in the mansion

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He likely also pleaded with Stanley to join his side in the War of the Roses to tip the balance against Richard III. The next day, shortly after Henry had claimed his victory, Stanley declared for him. However, Henry and the Stanleys would be unlikely to recognise the beautiful Elizabethan home that stands on the grounds today, which dates back to around 1550.

The 19,000 sq ft hall features a mix of modern luxury living and original features. The house features a reception hall with a large open hearth and pillared oak staircase leading to a drawing room and a grand panelled dining room, which also has an oak fire surround featuring hand-carved depictions of the Battle of Hastings.

The main house has 12 bedrooms, including a grand master bedroom with east-facing bay windows and a carved four-poster bed, and the annexe has a further three bedrooms. For just under £4m the new buyer can also get their hands on the detached annexe, a chapel dating back to the 12th Century, a barn, four stables, 11 garages, a summer house and an outdoor pool, all if which sit on the 10 acres of land.

The grounds to the hall are approached through a gated entrance and a tree lined driveway, which opens out into an open lawn area.

They contain secluded patio areas, mature woodland and a paddock. Sophie Bullock, director of Aston Knowles Estate Agents in Sutton Coldfield, said: "The original features are so unique.

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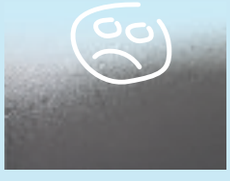

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The sum is equivalent to 2,947 teachers, or each pupil losing out on £424.20 on average.

According to the figures, Staffordshire schools will lose £34,053,091 equating to £317 per pupil or 914 teachers.

The statistics have been released on a website launched by the National Union of Teachers (NUT) called schoolcuts.org

Analysts worked out the figures after looking at schools' budgets, the number of pupils, how much cash will be available to them in 2020, how much cash per pupil schools will lose, and the equivalent full-time teacher salaries that amount works out to.

The NUT's website has an interactive map which lists several individual schools and shows what they stand to lose if the cuts go ahead. The figure for the number of teachers which schools would lose is based on the national average salary of £37,000.

Budget

Walsall NUT divisional secretary Russ Bragger said: "Under this Government's funding policies, there are no winners, only losers."

It is predicted that the budget for Wolverhampton schools will have to be reduced by 2020. The city's schools are set to lose £14,398,920 by 2019, according to the figures. That works out to the equivalent of £423 per pupil or 386 teachers.

Schools in Walsall would lose £19,080,329 in the next two years, which works out to £461 per pupil or 512 teachers. In Sandwell, schools are set to have funding reduced by £23,813,284 in the same timeframe. That works out to £484 or 639 teachers.

And schools in Dudley stand to lose £18,494,248, which is equivalent to £436 per pupil or 496 teachers.

Wolverhampton council cabinet member Claire Darke said: "The Government has made so many changes and cuts to education it's difficult to keep up. It is making it very difficult for schools to operate."

Tickets for charity show

Blast Off will be one of two bands performing in the charity concert at St Matthews Sports and Social Club in Burntwood next weekend

TICKETS are on sale for a charity evening hosted by Burntwood Town Council chairman Beth Fisher.

The event on Saturday, February 4 is in aid of her nominated charities – We Love Burntwood and 1st Burntwood Scouts.

Two local bands – Blast Off and Gan Teideal will be performing, and Councillor Fisher says she hopes to see a good turnout for the concert.

"As I am a member of the two bands, I am really looking forward to both hosting and performing at my charity evening. Both bands contain talented musicians of all ages from around the district, and I know the evening will be very entertaining and will help raise money for my two charities."

Tickets for the event at St Matthews Sports and Social Club, in St Matthews Road, Burntwood, which starts at 7.30pm, are £8.50 each. There will be a bar and a raffle on the evening.

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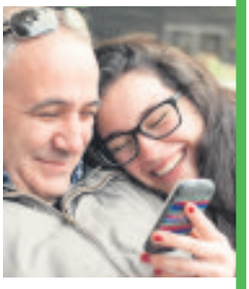

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New PR director in place

A NEW director has been appointed to lead Star Public Relations, which has been launched by Midland News Association, the parent company of the Chronicle. Sundeep Sehijpal has 14 years of media experience, including more than 10 years as a PR consultant, most recently at Birmingham-based WAA Chosen. Previously he was a reporter at the Worcester News. Based in Telford, with an office in Wolverhampton, Star Public Relations will be working with businesses and organisations that operate in a variety of sectors at national, regional and local levels.

130 fewer unemployed claimants in county

UNEMPLOYMENT in Staffordshire followed the national trend, with the number claiming benefits down by 130 to 4,790 last month.

Across the UK, unemployment has plunged to its lowest total for more than a decade, but the number of people in work has also fallen. The jobless total was 1.6 million in the quarter to November.

By John Corser

That was down by 52,000 on the previous three months to its lowest since early 2006.

In the West Midlands unemployment fell by 7,000 to 161,000 – partly due to the rise in seasonal recruitment at shops and delivery companies in the run-up to Christmas.

The number claiming Jobseeker's Allowance and other unemployment benefits was down in South Staffordshire by 10 to 685, Lichfield fell 35 to 395 and in Stafford it reduced by 30 to 620. In Cannock Chase, however, the figure was up by five on the previous month, to 715.

Confident

Across the West Midlands the count was down by 1,310 to 80,480.

Councillor Alan Dudson, vice-chairman of Cannock Chase Council, said: "Any rise in unemployment is bad news, so it is not good news for people in Cannock, but I am confident it is just a blip.

"The council is always trying to work to bring more employers and employment opportunities to Cannock, and I am confident we will see a different picture when the next figures come out.

"In Staffordshire we have good news, which is great for the people and encouraging for us as a council," said Councillor Dudson, who is also a member of Staffordshire County Council. The UK now has one of the lowest jobless rates in Europe at 4.8 per cent, the latest data from the Office for National Statistics showed.

But the numbers in work fell by 9,000 to 31.8 million, the lowest since last autumn, although the employment rate of 74.5 per cent is the joint highest level on record. In the West Midlands the number in work was up 9,000 to 2.7 million.

The claimant count fell by 10,100 last month to 797,800 – the lowest since last September, although it increased by 600 among women. The figures differ because not everyone classed as unemployed is eligible to claim benefits such as Jobseeker's Allowance.

Employment Minister Damian Hinds said: "It's good news in the West Midlands where there's a near record of 2.71 million people in work, a rise of 76,000 in the last year alone. We have made real progress creating a strong economy and helping more people into work, and will do what is needed to continue that trajectory as we build a country that works for everyone."

Nationwide, the number of people classed as economically inactive has increased by 85,000 to almost 8.9 million – the biggest quarterly rise since 2014.

MEP's anger over 'crazy' EU rule on uninsured drivers

UKIP'S transport spokesman has slammed 'crazy' EU rules which mean uninsured motorists must be given compensation if their cars are damaged.

The Government has admitted it is powerless to prevent the new regulations from being introduced in the UK, as long as Britain remains part of the EU.

West Midlands MEP Jill Seymour said: "This bureaucratic madness is a perfect reminder of why we must not delay our departure from the morally bankrupt EU for a moment longer. It is yet another piece of crazy, nonsensical legislation being imposed on the UK, which flies in the face of common sense and penalises the ordinary, law-abiding man and woman on the street. The sooner we have the power to control all of our own laws, and dictate our own trading regulations, the better."

Mrs Seymour said the new law, which is due to take effect in the UK from March, could increase motor insurance premiums and claims.

"This scheme is using the money of honest premium-paying motorists to compensate those who are blatantly breaking the law – everything about it is totally wrong," she added.

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All that jazz – and blues – in festival

Remi Harris will be playing at the Lichfield Blues & Jazz Festival this summer *Picture: Merlin Daleman*

PERFORMANCES by 'some of the best known and loved names on the national and regional music circuit' will be taking part in a Staffordshire festival this summer.

A wide range of concerts in pubs and historic venues has been promised by the organisers of the Lichfield Blues & Jazz Festival with styles ranging from acoustic and strident blues to big band jazz, swing, boogie-woogie and full-on jazz.

The line-up features the Climax Blues Band, Sticky Wicket & his Swing Orchestra, Chris Gumbley & Anything Goes, the Remi Harris Trio, Fred 'T' Baker, the Emma Johnson Boogie Woogie Quartet, Masai Blues, the Dunnettbaxter Big Band, the Callum Roxburgh 'Swing' Orchestra, Lichfield Jazz All Stars, Blast Off, a Lindy Hop dance workshop and various street events.

New venues this year include a Festival Hub at the George IV pub, complete with pop-up blues and jazz stage, and the Pokey Hole Blues Club.

Lichfield Blues & Jazz Festival runs from June 2 to 4. Day Stroller tickets are available, and there is a 15 per cent discount on festival tickets purchased before January 31.

For further details visit www.lichfield-jazz.co.uk

'Register all appliances now' plea over safety

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service is urging residents to make their homes safer by registering the white goods that they rely on every day.

The safety campaign comes as latest statistics show that the service received 119 calls attributed to faulty appliances or equipment in 2016.

By David Banner

Manufacturers are reminding their customers that they can instantly improve their home safety by taking a few minutes to register the white goods they have never registered, and completely forget they own.

As part of the Fire Kills campaign, the fire service is backing the move, to ensure that householders can be contacted swiftly if a safety repair is ever needed.

Those who register an appliance on www.registermyappliance.org.uk will be entered into a free draw for a range of prizes from many of the 60 leading brands

The latest YouGov survey for the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliances (AMDEA) has found that fewer than half (43 per cent) of British adults usually register their large domestic appliances with the manufacturer. Of those who don't always register, 39 per cent said this was because they forgot and 29 per cent didn't think it was necessary. Potentially, they all risk missing out on product safety warnings.

According to recent official estimates, UK homes are currently using around 93 million 'wet' and 'dry' large appliances. They are kept for 10 or many more years yet unlike cars the majority are untraceable and have never been checked.

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Police probe into claims of neglect at care home

A CARE home that kept toilet paper under lock and key is being investigated by police following a report of neglect.

Staffordshire County Council has barred any new residents from moving into Southwinds care home in Chase Road, Burntwood, following the claim, which was made in October.

The home, which cares for disabled people, was found to be 'inadequate' by Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspectors when they visited in December.

During that inspection, care home staff told inspectors that residents were left in soiled clothes because bosses limited toilet paper, keeping it in their office, according to a CQC report. Inspectors have visited Southwinds five times in the last 20 months, and brought forward a planned inspection to December 1 after receiving information from police and the council.

The CQC found the home was short of staff, with one resident who had a seizure left on their own because the only member of staff working at the time had to report the incident to a manager.

Southwinds care home, Burntwood

A Staffordshire Police spokeswoman said: "Staffordshire Police is currently investigating an adult neglect incident at Southwinds care home in Burntwood. The incident was reported to the force in October, and officers are working alongside safeguarding social workers."

The home was caring for 13 people when the CQC visited in December.

Inspectors said the facility smelled of cat excrement, which some workers had previously needed to pick up off its lounge floor.

Council staff had reported this as an issue when they visited two days before the CQC inspection.

Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, Councillor Alan White said: "Following concerns raised by ourselves with the CQC, we have suspended new placements at this home and undertaken reviews of the current residents. The home is also being monitored by visiting social workers.

"The safety and well-being of residents is our priority, and we remain in contact with them and their families."

The care home was contacted twice but did not want to comment.

Learn new skills as part of the Team

Sarah Goodall, left, Pete Crutchley of the fire service, Marc Lockwood, Dylan Cox and Megan Kelsall at the food bank last year

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit young people to take part in its free Prince's Trust 'Team' programme.

The course, which starts on Monday, and runs for 12 weeks, will give local people aged 16 to 25 the opportunity to learn new skills and gain greater self-confidence and motivation.

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Better managing is aim of growth drive

CHASE Chamber of Commerce is to launch its Growth Through People campaign next month.

The aim is to help businesses achieve better results by managing their employees effectively.

It will focus on how businesses – particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) – can effectively manage their staff and increase productivity and growth by doing so.

Throughout the month-long campaign, the Chamber will work with a range of partners to deliver activities including free training sessions, seminars and networking events.

There will also be a series of expert blog posts on the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce website. Growth Through People gets under way on February 6 and will culminate on March 3 at the Chamber Expo.

Chamber director Chris Plant said: "We are excited to reveal the content of the Chamber's Growth Through People Campaign and are counting down the days until we kick things off. We recognise that there is a productivity gap in the West Midlands and that there are a number of structural factors that need to be addressed if we are to overcome this.

Chris Plant – 'productivity gap'

"Doing so will take time and require co-ordinated strategy across the region. However, we also know that one of the simplest ways to increase productivity within businesses, especially in SMEs, is by improving the way that they manage their employees.

"Not only can this save business leaders time and money, it can also strengthen the relationships between people in your organisation.

"I encourage you to visit the Chamber website to find out more about the campaign and see what exciting activity we have planned."

Diane Rance, executive at Creative Value with People Ltd, played an instrumental role in introducing the campaign.

She said: "Over the last 30 years I've seen first-hand the amazing impact the progressive and professional management of people can have on the fortunes of organisations.

"I'm delighted that our Growth Through People campaign is providing leadership and support for local organisations, particularly SMEs, alongside partner organisations including Acas, the Growth Hub, CIPD and Engage for Success."

Centre's 100 minutes of fundraising

Burntwood Leisure Centre invited class regulars to take part in a sponsored 100-minute session

THIRTY five people took part in a charity Les Mills BodyPump class at Burntwood Leisure Centre.

To launch Les Mill's 100th new BodyPump routine, the centre invited class regulars to take part in a sponsored 100-minute session.

Participants raised more than £130 for Teenage Cancer Trust, in memory of Stephen Sutton.

Bridget Foden, BodyPump instructor at Burntwood Leisure Centre, said: "There was so much energy at the session, and everyone really enjoyed the new Les Mills routine.

"Thank you to all our class members who've been busily raising sponsorship and for taking up the challenge of the high-energy 100-minute workout."

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Our curriculum has been designed to raise aspirations and broaden the horizons of our pupils whilst building resilience through experience.

To give our children a wealth of experience, we have organised a variety of excursions. We have recently visited the National History Museum in London, the National Space Centre, Birmingham's Think Tank and Warwick Castle. Gifted and talented writers were invited to meet 'Ellie the servant girl' at the haunted Tutbury Castle. Some children have visited Wembley Stadium to support England. Outdoor learning is valued and encouraged, with children visiting Cannock Chase and residential stays at Shugborough and Ingestre Arts Centre. Lynn Evans, from Hednesford Park, runs a successful forest school, where children can engage outdoors creatively on our site.

We are very proud to have recently gained our 'Gold Sports Mark'. Sports funding has been used to provide links to healthy lifestyles through clubs and activities such as archery, boxing and 'glow in the dark' dodgeball. We have had recent success in netball, football and cross-country tournaments organised with local schools. To encourage ambition across the school, an Olympian has visited and performed gymnastics, inspiring the next generation of sportsmen and women.

The whole school benefits from a newly designed playground, full of enticing games and activities.

To develop Redhill's engagement in the community, our children support local charities by collecting for food banks and raised money through competing in a Soccer Star Challenge. Some of our children have also had an opportunity to act as ball boys for Walsall FC, completed cadet training with local PCSOs and become safer citizens through learning at the Safeside Centre in Birmingham.

The West Bromwich Ambassador Programme has developed leadership skills in our Year 5 children. Redhill is delighted to have worked with the Staffordshire Police Commissioner's People Power Fund. The fund has empowered Redhill children; giving them the opportunity to take part in a range of activities during forthcoming school holidays, by means of a sports camp provided by staff from Progressive Sports.

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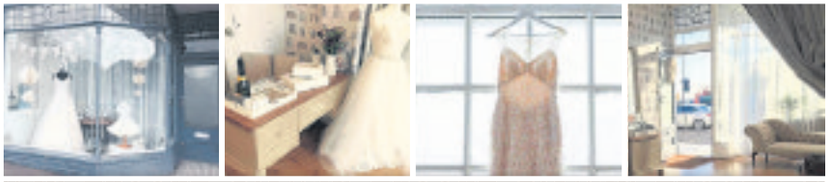

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- Consult both sets of parents, draw up your guest list.
- Book your photographer/videographer. Check with the Minister if filming of the ceremony is permitted.

FROM 12 MONTHS
- Book Photo Booth, DJ abd any other entertainment.
- Apply for marriage licence with local Registrar if planning a civil ceremony.
- Decide on the colour scheme of your wedding.
- Order your dress, attendant's outfits and accessories.
- Order the wedding cake and favours.
- Book florist and choose arrangements for bouquets, church and reception site.
- Book your desired transport to and from the ceremony.
- Book a toastmaster if required.
- Book your honeymoon and apply for passports.
- Reserve marquees and rental equipment if necessary.

FROM 6-9 MONTHS
- Select a stationary company for invitations, order of service, menus, table plan, place cards, etc.
- Arrange hire of suits for groom, best man, father and ushers.
- Book decorations and balloons for the reception.
- Order your wedding rings. This will allow time for custom designs and inscriptions.
- Book dental appointments for getting your teeth whitened and make necessary arrangments for any cosmetic surgery for that perfect wedding day smile.

FROM 2-4 MONTHS
- Compile wedding present list and register. If you already have a home together, consider registering with a travel agent for gift vouchers to use for your honeymoon or future dream holiday.
- Send out invitations and keep track of RSVP's, gifts and thank you notes. Don't forget a directions map and local accomodation list for out of town guests.
- Discuss details of menu with venue or caterer Schedule rehearsal time and dinner
- Buy any special lingerie your dress requires and take to your next fitting.
- Buy shoes and start breaking them in around the house
- Go shopping for mums' outfits, your going-away outfit and honeymoon clothes
- Make appointments with hair and beauty salons Select dry cleaning, gown and bouquet preservation companies
- Start writing your speeches

FROM 4 WEEKS
- Have a trial run with hair and make-up with headpiece.
- Have final fittings for yourself and your attendants
- Hold hen/stag night
- Finalise details for the wedding and prepare check lists for bridesmaids, best man and ushers
- Prepare seating plan

2 WEEKS BEFORE
- Send out thank-you notes as gifts are received
- Start course of tanning sessions or book self-tan appointment at beauty salon
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- Pick up wedding rings
- Ask best man to take charge of returning the groom's and ushers clothing, if hired

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Sex offences and violence increase

CRIME has gone up in Staffordshire, with a rise in sex offences and violence, according to new figures.

Data from the Office for National Statistics shows an increase of recorded crime in the 12 months leading up to September 2016.

There were 73,208 total recorded crimes in the county compared with 64,218 the year before – a rise of 14 per cent.

Sexual offences in the county increased by 29 per cent to 2,698.

Violent crimes against people were up by 28 per cent to 25,007 while the number of public order offences soared by 48 per cent to 2,992.

There were 13 per cent fewer drug offences, resulting in 2,035 offences recorded in the county.

Burglaries and bicycle thefts dipped by one per cent and three per cent respectively. Councillor Tony Johnson, chairman of Cannock Chase Council's community safety scrutiny committee,

Tony Johnson – 'mixed picture'

said the figures presented a 'mixed picture'.

He said: "Everyone has got the right to be concerned that crimes of violence have increased.

"I am aware Chief Inspector Geoff Knight is working to alleviate these crimes."

Matthew Ellis, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire, said: "These are a truer and more accurate reflection of crime levels than ever before in Staffordshire."Welcome changes to Home Office rules nationally means that in this set of statistics, over 2,000 crimes that have never been recorded are now recorded across Staffordshire.

Chance

"It is vital that the police have the true picture of crime levels in here so that they are better prepared and equipped to deal with it."

Despite the trends outlined in the latest figures, the chance of being a victim of crime in the UK has fallen over recent years, according to the statistics.

About 15 in 100 adults were victims of crime in the year up to September 2016.

That is down from a peak in 1995 when 40 in 100 people were victims.

Banners unfurled in protests over Trump

Banners at the canal bridge in Bridgeman Street, Walsall, spell out the anti-Trump message

ANTI-TRUMP protesters in the Midlands took part in a national banner-drop demonstration as the billionaire businessman was inaugurated as 45th president of the United States.

The banners were unfurled on bridges in a symbolic nod towards their Build Bridges Not Walls message, a phrase borrowed from a Martin Luther King speech.

Campaigners representing the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury Methodist Church met in Walsall to make their feelings known, while staff at a Stourbridge pub displayed a banner outside the premises.

And in Ironbridge, demonstrators chose the oldest cast-iron arch bridge in the world to stage their protest, posting video footage on social media which was picked up by the American CNN television channel. The new president has provoked much criticism over his vow to build a wall along the Mexico-US border, at Mexico's expense, to keep out immigrants.

In Walsall, protesters gathered at The New Art Gallery and walked under a banner bearing the words Walsall City of Sanctuary – Refugees Welcome to the canal bridge in Bridgeman Street where two banners were dropped.

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Ex-headmistress marks her century

Dorothea Lawrence, with her carer Mandy Catchpole

A FORMER school headmistress from the Black Country has celebrated her 100th birthday – and still enjoys a trip to the pub. Wednesbury woman Dorothea Lawrence, who was the headmistress at Hockley Heath Primary School for 30 years, has lived in the same house all her life.

On receiving a card from the Queen for her birthday, Dorothea said: "I was very thrilled with it."

Dorothea, who has never married or had children, has carers visit her home four times a day. Mandy Catchpole, who is one of her carers, said: "She worked at Hockley Heath for 30 years and she loved her job. She does a lot of reading, knitting and enjoys poetry. On Friday we will either go to Boundary Mill (on Junction 10 retail park, Bentley Mill way) or the pub – that is her day out."

Dorothea was visited by her friends on her birthday and had a cake made for her at the Boundary Mill store. "She has never got married and only has godchildren but she had around 40 birthday cards so she has a lot of friends and people who care about her," added Mandy.

New Year's Day crash woman in drive ban

A MOTHER who was more than twice the drink-drive limit crashed her car into a ditch on the way to pick up her young daughter on New Year's Day.

Walsall woman Dawn Howitt, aged 42, had drank gin and tonic on Saturday, December 31, at a friend's house party, a court heard.

By Carl Jackson

The school worker from Hillside Crescent, Pelsall, walked home and fell asleep only to wake up wondering where her seven-year-old daughter was – forgetting she had arranged for her to stay over at the house.

On her way back to the address Howitt's Suzuki Vitara crashed into street signs and bollards on Chester Road, Stonnall before resting in a ditch. Residents heard the crash and called police who attended and quizzed Howitt. She admitted being the driver of the vehicle and recorded a positive roadside breath test.

At the police station the proportion of alcohol in her breath was recorded as 92 microgrammes in 100 millilitres – the legal limit is 35.

Magistrates sitting in Cannock, banned Howitt from driving for two years. Stephen Lee, defending, said: "Ms Howitt has no previous convictions and has never had a single point or endorsement on her licence.

"She has gone to a New Year's Eve party, she is a single mother, has gone with her seven-year-old daughter. She arranged for a taxi to pick them up but the taxi did not turn up. She got home and went to bed but woke up sometime later, she was obviously still intoxicated and had forgotten what had happened."

Howitt pleaded guilty to a charge of driving a motor vehicle while alcohol was above the legal limit.

Mr Lee added: "This is completely out of character. She works in a school for children with special educational needs which is quite a responsible job. She is utterly ashamed as to what has happened."

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Computer games still popular

COMPUTER games have finally come of age, according to academics at Staffordshire University, who have experienced a surge in applications for its courses.

Applications to the computer games design courses are up nearly 50 per cent on the same period last year, and computer games programming has seen twice as many applications from students keen to tap into the industry.

Dr Bobbie Fletcher, head of the games and visual effects department, said the increase was something of a national phenomenon. He said: "From Scotland to the South, universities are seeing significantly greater number of attendees at open days in these subject areas because games are big business and parents and teachers no longer try to steer prospective students away from degree courses.

"Parents are the generation that have grown up playing computer games and there's now acknowledgement that it is a viable career route."

Name change concern over hospital A&E

A COUNCILLOR has hit out over the future of County Hospital's A&E after the accountable officer for three of Staffordshire's Clinical Commissioning Groups said the unit should have its name changed.

The idea was mooted at a health and scrutiny panel meeting, according to Councillor Louise Nixon. The five-year Sustainability and Transformation Plan for Staffordshire, published in December, revealed that one of the county's three A&Es would be downgraded to urgent care centre. Now, Councillor Nixon fears Andy Donald's comments could mean the writing is already on the wall for the Weston Road site.

Following the meeting at Stafford Borough Council, she said: "Andy Donald made a comment at the meeting that the 'A&E should be renamed to reflect the needs of the community'.

"It may well be that more of our elderly residents use A&E than the rest of our population but that shouldn't mean that our A&E should be downgraded to only accommodate their needs.

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"To rename A&E suggests that it is about to change.

"Please, keep the name A&E, make it run 24/7 – as promised – and make it open for all. Our community also needs to have a 24/7 paediatric service as well."

Following the meeting, Mr Donald said no decisions had been made about County Hospital's A&E.

He said: "We are at the start of a process to look at the provision of urgent care services generally across the whole of Staffordshire.

"This is not about what a building in Stafford or anywhere else is called.

"This is about making sure we have a range of services that are the right services to best meet the needs of the local populatio."

Star of The Voice is jumping for joy

It proved to be a tense audition for Jazmin Sawyers

OLYMPIC long jumper Jazmin Sawyers is hoping to go far in singing competition The Voice, after appearing on the primetime ITV show on Saturday.

The 22-year-old, who came eighth in this summer's Rio Olympics, lives in Walsall and is the daughter of the Chief Constable of Staffordshire, Jane Sawyers.

On the hit talent show she was seen describing the wait before the audition in front of judges Sir Tom Jones, Jennifer Hudson, will.i.am and Gavin Rossdale, as more nerve-wracking than the Olympic final, and hoping that at least one would turn around in their chair.

It proved to be a tense audition, as for most of her rendition of Alessia Cara's 'Here' it didn't look like any of the judges would turn.

Then right on the very last note, will.i.am pressed his red button and claimed her for his team, much to the delight of Jazmin, who was jumping with joy. Jazmin said: "It's going to be a great partnership. I can't wait to get started."

Garage burglary

AN intruder broke into a garage in Cherry Tree Road, Norton Canes, after snapping off the locks. The owner discovered someone had broken in on Friday. Police were unable to say when it happened, but said nothing was reported stolen.

DHL moves Argos base

DHL has announced it is to move its Argos distribution centre out of Stafford.

The courier firm has announced plans to relocate from Acton Gate to Bedford and Darlington, while Habitat's operations will be transferred from Kettering.

A spokeswoman for DHL Supply Chain said: "Following the sale of Homebase to Westfarmers Ltd and the reduction in volumes this entails, DHL has announced proposals to repurpose its distribution centre at Acton Gate, Stafford."

Bomb disposal teams called to 13 schools

BOMB disposal teams were called out to 13 schools in Staffordshire and the Black Country following government advice about a potentially hazardous chemical.

The warning over 2,4 dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNPH) led to the Army conducting hundreds of explosions across the country. Controlled explosions were carried out from October 21 to December 21 after schools were warned to check for the chemical.

Bomb disposal crews were called to Erasmus Darwin Academy, Burntwood; Staffordshire University Academy, Hednesford; Codsall High; Blessed William High, Stafford; and St Dominic Priory, Stone.

Eight schools in the Black Country were visited – Ormiston Academy, Cradley Heath; Castle High; Dudley; Holly Hall Academy, Dudley; ACE Academy, Tipton; Barr Beacon, Walsall; Phoenix Collegiate, West Bromwich; Wednesfield High; and Wolverhampton Girls High.

Scents to to sweeten the sharp winter air

Blow the January blues away with some deliciously scented winter plants. Hannah Stephenson picks a variety that pack a gloriously perfumed punch

THERE may be few reasons to venture into the garden at this time of year, but scent is one of them.

The rich, heady perfume of certain winter-flowering shrubs can blow away the cobwebs and brush off the worst of the winter blues.

Just inhaling the delicious fragrance of shrubs like mahonia, Christmas box (Sarcococca confusa) and Viburnum x bodnantense as you view the garden should shake off any reluctance you might have harboured about venturing outdoors in the first place.

Add to that the bare-branched stems and light yellow, beautifully-perfumed flowers of wintersweet, the sulphur yellow flowers along the bare spreading branches of witch hazel and the strong-scented clusters of white flowers which appear on shrubby honeysuckle in winter, and your olfactory senses should be in their element.

Of course, you don't want one perfume to overshadow another, and indeed, scented shrubs require a variety of conditions and space, but here's a few of the best that will provide scent, colour and form:

Shrubby honeysuckle (Lonicera x purpusii)

Not a bit like a regular honeysuckle, but a close cousin nevertheless, this neat rounded bush grows to 2m x 2m and is covered in winter with clusters of strongly scented, white flowers.

Grow it in any good garden soil in sun or light shade. Trim the flowered stems back to a sideshoot each year once the flowers are over to keep a good shape.

Mahonia x media 'Charity'

This upright plant, which grows 2m high and 1m wide, has tooth-edged, leathery evergreen leaves and spikes of brilliant yellow scented flowers that smell a bit like lily of the valley in winter.

It should be planted in light shade with a little shelter, so is ideally placed with others in a large border.

Cut off some of the branches bearing flowers for indoor decorations, and if the shrub becomes leggy, cut it back hard after flowering.

Witch hazel (Hamamelis mollis 'Pallida')

Significant spidery-shaped sulphur-yellow flowers appear along its spreading branches and can be in flower from autumn through to spring in a sheltered spot, or in a mild winter.

The golden colour of the leaves in autumn is also worth noting. Another good one is H. x intermedia 'Arnold Promise', which produces wonderfully scented yellow flowers.

Witch hazels are great for urban gardens as their leafless branches in winter cast no shade and they are also pretty compact.

Wintersweet (sarcococca confusa)

These tough evergreen shrubs are invaluable in the garden in winter, their dense forms covered in glossy, dark green leaves, bearing clusters of white flowers followed by round, glossy berries.

But their best asset is their scent, a sweet, powerful fragrance which carries a surprising distance, even on the coldest day.

If you want scent indoors, just cut a few stems and they will fill a room with rich fragrance. Grow them with other winter-flowering plants such as Viburnum x bodnantense 'Dawn' and Helleborus niger, or as an informal hedge.

Daphne bholua

The pretty pinky-purple and white flowers on this medium-sized evergreen shrub pack a perfumed punch and brighten up any shady border in winter. It's compact by nature, but will reach a maximum height of 2.5m and spread 1.5m in 10 years if you plant it in fertile, humus-rich soil that won't dry out too much in summer.

Of course, there are also smaller plants that will give you fragrance in winter, such as the pint-sized Crocus sieberi 'Bowles's White', with its pure white flowers and gold throats, or the snowdrop, Galanthus magnet, and the Ipheion 'Alberto Castillo', a member of the onion family that grows to just 18cm, its white scented star-shaped flowers facing the sky.

Grow them near the patio door to enjoy the best of the fragrance.

Christmas rose, Helleborus niger, has delicate flowers

Brightening the scene with delicate blooms

BEST OF THE BUNCH – Helleborus

IT may be known as the Christmas rose, but the helleborus generally blooms in January, its delicate-looking saucer-shaped blooms brightening the scene in shades of white, pink or purple.

The best place for it is the front of the border where nearby evergreen shrubs will protect it from winter winds and its flowers are best displayed, emerging between January and March, depending on the type. H. niger grows to around 45cm producing white flowers with central golden stamens. The Lenten rose blooms later, between February and April, producing white, pink or purple flowers. Dig in compost and leaf mould before planting, watch out for slugs in spring and water in dry weather.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT – Growing onions from sets

JANUARY is a good time to look out for onion sets in garden centres if you want to grow your own. They are much easier than seeds and low-maintenance once you've started them off.

Look out for the small garden bulbs and store them in a dry place ready for planting in March. Dig over the ground in winter, adding compost and firm the surface before planting. Plant sets 10cm (4in) apart in mid-March to mid-April, with the tips just showing, firming soil around the sets. Protect them from birds with netting and keep them weed-free. They should be ready for lifting between July and September. Good varieties include 'Rumba' and 'Sturon'.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

1. Prepare celery trenches, digging in plenty of organic matter.
2. Cover areas still to be dug with a sheet of polythene to keep off rain and snow.
3. If your seed and potting compost is kept in a cold place, bring it into the greenhouse several days before use to warm it up to the glasshouse temperature.
4. Check stakes and ties on newly planted trees, making sure they are not rubbing.
5. Take root cuttings from oriental poppies, verbascum, Primula denticulata, Phlox paniculata, rhus and other plants.
6. Enrich soil with compost where beans are to be grown.
7. Wash and sterilise pots and seed trays.

Holidays that indulge a passion for gardens

By Hannah Stephenson

NEW Year is the time when we think about booking our holidays – and for the green-fingered, that might include a garden visit or even a garden-themed break.

Some tour operators, including Saga, have introduced new special interest holidays into their 2017 product range.

"Over the past couple of years, we have really seen a surge in demand for our horticultural programme," says Saga's special interest holiday creator Tremaine Moore.

"For garden lovers, I think the attraction is the mix of visiting outstanding gardens combined with the opportunity to see the local wild flora, especially when it comes to the trips overseas."

Among Saga's new range is a tour in September to the Western Cape in South Africa, including wild flora visits and entrance to some of the country's most famous gardens. It also has three new UK holidays in summer, taking in some prestigious gardens including RHS Wisley, Sheffield Botanical Gardens and Renishaw (www.saga.co.uk)

New destination itineraries for RHS Garden Holidays include Marrakech and Flowers of the Atlas, visiting some of the exciting new gardens in Morocco, including that of Tom Stuart-Smith; Oregon: In the Footsteps of David Douglas holiday, following the route of the famous Scots botanist; and Burle Marx Gardens of Rio & Brazil's Natural Wonders which includes exclusive visits to some of the private gardens designed by the celebrated Brazilian landscape architect.

The society is also launching a holiday taking in the new RHS Chatsworth Flower Show, plus breaks featuring private gardens of East Anglia and private gardens of Guernsey (020 3735 1855, rhsgardenholidays.com).

But if you just want to do your own thing, here are four of the best gardens around the world to explore at your leisure:

Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, Cape Town (www.sanbi.org)

Now part of a UNESCO World Heritage site, these stunning gardens, only 13km from Cape Town, provide a marvellous showcase for South Africa's indigenous flora, with more than 7,000 plant species, including the king protea (South Africa's national flower), fynbos, agapanthus and a rich collections of bulbs, alpines and ferns.

Best time to visit: If you want to see proteas in full bloom, go in South Africa's winter - June, July and August. To see the fynbos at its best and the most plants in flower, go from the end of winter, spring or early summer (Aug-Nov)

Powerscourt Gardens, Enniskerry, County Wicklow, Ireland (powerscourt.com)

The gardens and grand Palladian villa at Powerscourt, south of Dublin, were designed in the 18th century and punctuate 47 acres of formal walled gardens and shaded ponds. The grounds, waterfalls, parks, garden pavilions, and fine tree-lined arbors were suggested by the Italian Renaissance and the great estates and gardens of France and Germany. Cascading terraces and formal landscapes are planned with carefully designed walks that are framed by the gentle beauty of the Wicklow Mountains.

Best time to visit: April to August

Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York (www.bbg.org)

If you're visiting the Big Apple in 2017, take time out from the hubbub of the city to explore this 52-acre garden, home to thousands of plants and trees, as well as a Japanese garden where river turtles swim alongside a Shinto shrine. Among the showstopping highlights are the blooming cherry trees, a gift from Japan, which are celebrated in Sakura Matsuri, the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Best time to visit: April or May when the cherry blossom is at its peak

Villa d'Este, Tivoli, Italy (www.villadestetivoli.info)

This hugely ornate and awe-inspiring Italian Renaissance garden is awash with theatrical fountains and magnificent statues and is listed as one of Italy's major historical/artistic sites. It all began when a Renaissance cardinal decided to turn a dilapidated Benedictine monastery into a beautiful villa, embellished with gardens awash with fountains, including the Fontana del Bicchierone, where water spills from a large shell-shaped basin, and The Avenue of the Hundred Fountains, which features animal heads, lilies, a small boat and basins which all spurt water.

Best time to visit: In summer, when escaping the heat from Rome, visitors should enjoy the cool combination of garden shade and cold running water

Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, in Cape Town, is one of the top destinations for garden-loving holidaymakers

Cherry blossom at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, in New York

The ornate Villa d'Este Park in Tivoli, Lazio, Italy

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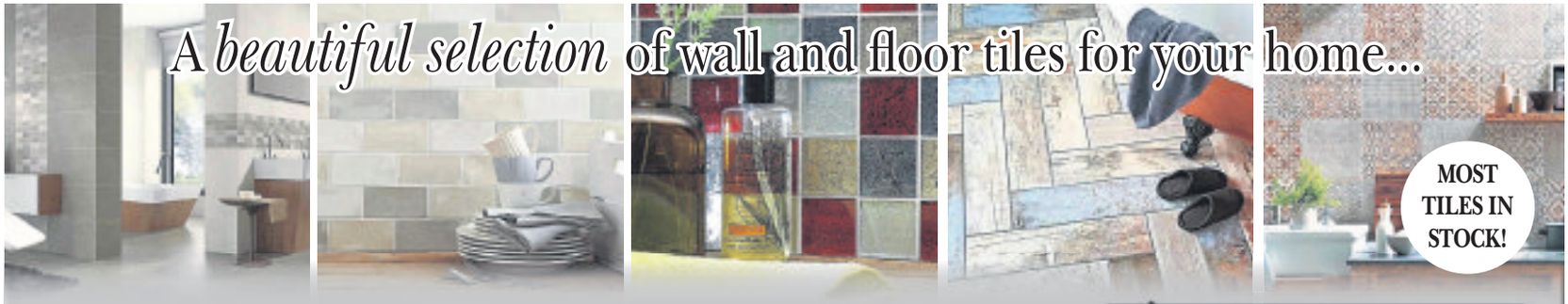

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Side by side – two Handley Page bombers at Le Bourget

Charles Wallbank in his 1914 Humber behind his house

Charles's colleagues in front of a Spad fighter

Charles, second left, in front of a wartime RE.8

French locals examining a crashed plane

When communication by air really took off

IN January 1919 the RAF's No 2 Squadron began flights from London's Croydon Airport to Le Bourget, Paris, ferrying delegates and mail to the Peace Conference at Versailles.

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

For the first time ever aviation played a part in international diplomacy, and the value of air travel was established. One of the mechanics keeping the planes in the air at Le Bourget was Charles Wallbank from Park Village, Wolverhampton.

He had served in the war as a mechanic, in a squadron operating RE.8 reconnaissance aircraft.

Then, at war's end, found himself posted to Le Bourget to look after the huge numbers of aircraft involved, which featured the largest British aircraft then in service, the Handley Page O/400 heavy bomber, serving as a transport.

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Rarely have so many been seen on an airfield at any one time, and many of them had been built by the Birmingham & Midland Carriage Co. in Smethwick.

It was a long way from the utilitarian interior of a wood and fabric bomber to the likes of Air Force One, but communications were so much quicker by air, than by trains and cross-channel ferry.

The operation proved the worth of what was to become the premier international air route, and established air travel as a feature of modern life.

After the war Charles came home to live at Glenmore, 144 Cannock Road and used his skills to become a racing driver.

In 1925 he found a 1914 4-cylinder 3,458cc Humber in Folkstone, and brought it home to refurbish it. In 1929 he actually won a race in it at the famous Brooklands racing circuit. Motor racing was not his only pastime, however, in the loft over the garage at the rear of his house he bred lop-eared rabbits.

An amazing total of 21 Handley Page bombers at Le Bourget

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Barbara Dickson

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Visit **thsh.co.uk**

Menace Beach

Thursday, 7.30pm
Hare and Hounds, Kings Heath
Scuzzy grunge rock from the noisy Leeds duo, who released new single Give Blood last week. Support from Birmingham band Mutes.
See **hareandhoundskingsheath.skiddletickets.com**

Love

Until February 11
The Rep Studio, Birmingham
The experiences of those in poverty and temporary accomodation are examined in this hard-hitting new drama from Alexander Zeldin, which was recently seen at the National Theatre.
See **birmingham-rep.co.uk**

Crazy Town

Monday, 7pm
Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
Come my baby, come, come, my baby, and see this 90s rap-rock outfit from California still fronted by Seth Binzer (AKA Shifty Shellshock, pictured), following a stint in rehab.
See **wolvescivic.co.uk**

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Independent Venue Week showcase feat. Rinse + Fears Chella + Alma
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The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent,
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Quadrophenia Night
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O2 Academy Birmingham,
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The Sensational 60's Experience
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Wolverhampton Grand Theatre,
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Nonsuch + Byron Hare + Yung Jimmys Big Ideas
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Six Eight Kafe, Birmingham,
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Juyo + Timmas + LCD – part of Independent Venue Week 2017
Sun, £3
The RoadHouse Birmingham,
Kings Norton, B30 3DZ.
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Tyketto
Mon, £16 - £18
The Robin 2, Bilston,
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Black Sabbath
Thu,
Genting Arena, Birmingham,
B40 1NT.
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Roadhouse Presents: Rock/Indie Showcase
Thu, £4
The RoadHouse Birmingham,
Kings Norton, B30 3DZ.
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The Roy Orbison Story
Thu, £22
Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury,
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After Dark Launch Party w/ Cause & Affect, Stanton Warriors
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The Rainbow Venues,
Digbeth,
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The Weekend Anthems performed by Killerstream
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Paul Jones and Dave Kelly
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The Glenn Miller Orchestra
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WV1 1DE.
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Jazz Tuesdays
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Spotted Dog, Digbeth,
Birmingham, B12 0NH.
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Live Jazz Broadcast
Wed, £5 - £10
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Edgbaston, B3 3HG.
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POP

ABBA + Bee Gees (tributes)
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CLASSICAL

Nights On Broadway
Tonight,
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre,
WV1 1DE.
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Junior Conservatoire Orchestral Concert
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Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra
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Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury,
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Beethoven's Fifth
Sun, Thu,
CBSO Centre, Birmingham,
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Fiddler on the Roof
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New Alexandra Theatre,
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Simon Weston: My Life, My Story
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Akaar 2017 Showcase Performance
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The Old Rep Theatre,
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Evita
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Round The Horne
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That'll Be The Day
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Oakengates Theatre, Telford,
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Paula O'Brien Live in Wrexham
Thu,
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Lucy Porter 'Consequences' tour
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The Old Rep Theatre,
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Standup comedy – Garr Murran, Javier Jarquin, Micky Bartlett
Tonight - tomorrow, £15
Jongleurs Comedy Club, Birmingham, B1 2HG.
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Micky Flanagan Warm Up Show
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Victoria Hall, Hanley,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3AD.
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What's In A Name?
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Birmingham Repertory Theatre,
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St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury,
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Bridge Club
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Creative Coffee Hub,
Birmingham, B29 6HJ.
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Oh Boy! Buddy in rock 'n' roll show

ROCK 'n' roll musical Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story tells the enduring tale of the 1950s music icon's meteoric rise to fame and his final legendary performance before his tragic death in a plane crash at the aged on 22.

The show will be presenting a feast of 50s nostalgia at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

In just 18 months the bespectacled Texas-born singer-songwriter had revolutionised the face of contemporary music, influencing a host of stars from The Beatles to Bruce Springsteen.

The production boasts a multi-talented cast, including Glen Joseph and Alex Fobbester (who alternate the role of Buddy Holly), in a show that presents two hours of music with more than 20 of Buddy's greatest hits, including That'll Be The Day, Peggy Sue, Oh Boy and Rave On.

The cast of Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story will be rocking the Grand Theatre

Concert

The show recreates the final concert, held at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, which also featured Buddy's ill-fated tour mates The Big Bopper, of Chantilly Lace fame, and Ritchie 'La Bamba' Valens.

The show has inspired a generation of multi-million selling jukebox musicals, and has been seen by more than 22 million music fans since it opened in London's West End in 1989.

It has also been endorsed by Buddy's widow, Maria Elena Holly, who said of the show: "We never imagined Buddy's music and story would still be rocking stages and entertaining audiences around the world week-in week-out. I believe this is testament to a great show – the first of its kind – and to the enduring appeal of Buddy Holly and what he represents: youthful energy, huge talent and creativity, combined with a determination to make a lasting impression in this world."

Tickets are now on sale by calling 01902 429212, online at grandtheatre.co.uk or by visiting the box office at the Lichfield Street venue in person.

Blues star's homecoming

JOANNE Shaw Taylor is the Black Country's own queen of the blues, who relocated to the US to forge her career and is at long last recognised in her homeland – judging by the sold out notices for her homecoming gig at Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday.

Last year the 30-year-old singer and guitarist from Wednesbury released her sixth album, Wild, which was recorded in Nashville's Grand Victor Sound Studios with top producer Kevin Shirley, who has also worked with Led Zeppelin, Journey, Iron Maiden, Black Stone Cherry and supergroup Black Country Communion.

"Recording at Grand Victor was incredibly inspiring," said Joanne."It is quite the legendary studio. Dolly Parton cut Jolene and I Will Always Love You here. And Chet Atkins worked here. Basically, if there was a hit record out of Nashville, it was made here. I am very proud of this album, and I can't wait for everyone to hear it."

That album caught the ear of bosses at Jools Holland's Later TV music show, who gave the blues star a slot on the show in October.

She was still a schoolgirl with an obsession for the music in her dad's record collection – such as Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan – when former Eurythmics star and producer Dave Stewart spotted her considerable musical potential and she went on to release debut album White Sugar in 2009.

Joanne played lead guitar in Annie Lennox's band at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Concert outside Buckingham Palace in 2012 and her blues work has gained such celebrity fans as Stevie Wonder and top guitarist Joe Bonamassa.

From Russia, and China, with love

CLASSICAL music enthusiasts can mark Chinese New Year with an East meets West concert at the Elgar Concert Hall at the University of Birmingham tomorrow (Friday) with pianist Di Xiao, cellist Jiaxin Lloyd Webber and harpist Eleanor Turner.

Other highlights are at Symphony Hall. On Sunday afternoon (also February 2 afternoon) CBSO perform Beethoven's Fifth, conducted by Mirga Grazinyte-Tyla, plus Mozart's final concerto, with pianist Francesco Piemontesi. On Wednesday night Vasily Petrenko conducts Russian greats for Royal Liverpool Philharmonic with pianist Daniil Trifonov.

Name drop in to ruin a dinner party

THE choice of the name 'Adolf' for a baby is revealed at a dinner party, leading to a furious row in ferocious farce What's In A Name?, which gets its UK premiere at Birmingham Rep tomorrow (Friday) at the start of a two-week run.

Based on the French stage and film sensation Le Prenom, by Matthieu Delaporte and Alexandre de La Patelliere, the dark comedy has been adapted and directed by Jeremy Sams. The cast includes Sarah Hadland, best known as Miranda Hart's TV sidekick Stevie, and former EastEnders actor Nigel Harman. See birmingham-rep.co.uk or call 0121 236 4455.

Fans grateful for day of the Dead

IT'S the day of the Dead at Bilston's Robin 2 venue in Bilston on Wednesday when the 50th anniversary of Live/Dead, by legendary San Francisco hippy group The Grateful Dead. It is performed by a veteran band featuring former Grateful Dead pianist Tom Constanten with Jefferson Starship alumni.

Moving from the Bay to Birkenhead, those wry post-punk indie satirists Half Man Half Biscuit visit the Robin on Thursday, February 2. Before that, the Robin hosts classic rock with Atomic Rooster and Snafu on Friday, The Quireboys (unplugged) on Sunday and New York's Tyketto on Monday.

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CHOICE

Gary Barlow

Let It Shine (BBC1, 7pm)

Graham Norton and Mel Giedroyc are on hand to present the final round of auditions, as more would-be pop princes submit their vocal skills for approval by judges Gary Barlow, Dannii Minogue, Martin Kemp and departing panel member Amber Riley. As with the previous three rounds, each of the singers needs to secure at least 15 stars from the four assembled judges, each of whom will be rating the performances out of five stars. Should they prove successful, the auditionees progress to the next stage of the contest, in which their dance skills will be put to the test in collaborations with some of Britain's most popular musical acts.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Tennis: Australian Open Highlights. **2.30** Live Bowls: World Indoor Championships. The men's singles semi-finals. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Who Dares Wins.

6.10 Pointless Celebrities. Diane Louise Jordan, the Rev Richard Coles, Nancy Dell'Olio, Matt Barbet, Sharron Davies, Mark Foster, Gyles Brandreth and Susan Calman all take part in the unorthodox quiz show.

7.00 Let It Shine. The final round of auditions arrives, along with Amber Riley's last appearance as a judge, as one last set of would-be pop princes display their vocal abilities for the panel.

8.25 Casualty. Alicia is surprised to discover her long-estranged parents Howard and Jackie are planning to give their marriage another go. However, when old family friend Martin turns up at their surprise anniversary party, and seems to have a falling-out with Howard, it soon becomes clear there is a secret third wheel in their relationship. Meanwhile, Charlie balances his over-zealous wedding-planning with caring for a reluctant teenage football star, and Cal's trust in Alicia is tested when he discovers she has a secret phone hidden in her locker.

9.15 Taboo. As both the Crown and London turn against him, James Delaney enlists the depraved chemist Cholmondely into his company, and Lorna aims to prove she is anything but a weak link.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. Gabby Logan presents highlights of the latest FA Cup fourth-round matches, which included Tottenham Hotspur v Wycombe Wanderers, and Middlesbrough v Accrington Stanley.

11.55 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL world, joined by former Super Bowl winners Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell.

12.25 Film: A Few Best Men. (2011) Comedy, starring Xavier Samuel. **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Film: Adventure in Baltimore. (1949) Period comedy, starring Shirley Temple. **8.05 Film:** Little Women. (1949) Oscar-winning drama, starring June Allyson. **10.00** Secret Britain. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **1.00 Film:** Kismet. (1955) Musical fantasy, starring Howard Keel. **2.50** Flog It! (R) **3.25** The World's Most Extraordinary Homes. (R) **4.25** Mastermind. (R) **4.55** University Challenge. (R) **5.25** Only Connect. (R) **5.55 Film:** Finding Neverland. (2004) Fact-based period drama, starring Johnny Depp.

7.30 Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney. Andy Torbet dives below the waves in search of the inspiration for the first stone circle, while Chris Packham and Neil Oliver spend the night on an abandoned island as they hunt for clues as to why cultures change. Meanwhile, Shini Somara tests the technology behind a bronze age sauna and the archaeologists uncover a remarkable find. Last in the series. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and his platoon have their hands full with two German prisoners and the arrival of a suspicious Polish captain, while Walker sees a way to make easy money. Comedy first broadcast in 1968, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)

9.00 Francis Bacon: A Brush with Violence. Documentary exploring just how much of Francis Bacon's notoriety as a rude, drunken loudmouth was a carefully curated front he maintained to protect the complex and haunted man behind his own myth. Making use of interviews with celebrity commentators, fellow artists, and some of the people who knew him best, this programme sets out to deconstruct the perceived and hidden identities of the man known as one of the most sought-after British artists of the 20th century.

10.20 Film: The Sapphires. (2012) Four Aboriginal Australian singers are propelled to stardom when they entertain American troops in the Vietnam War. Drama, starring Deborah Mailman and Chris O'Dowd.

12.00 Bowls: World Indoor Championships. **1.00 Film:** Love Is the Devil. (1998) **2.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Oddbods. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Rebound. (R) **10.25** Guess This House. (R) **11.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** River Monsters. (R) **1.05** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **2.05** Tipping Point. (R) **3.05** The Chase. (R) **4.05** Dance Dance Dance. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! King Size! Harry Hill showcases some of the biggest disasters captured in video form by viewers at home.

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK. Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara.

8.00 The Voice UK. Celebrity "coaches" Will.i.am, Tom Jones, Jennifer Hudson and Gavin Rossdale preside over the fourth instalment of the Blind Auditions phase of the singing contest. As ever, the celebrity panel must decide whether to lend their support to each act with their backs turned to the performer, allowing only the contestants' voice to play a part in the selection process. However, as places on each coach's team begin to fill up, competition for the remaining spots in the next round will be more fierce than ever.

9.30 Through the Keyhole. Comedian and game-show host Paddy McGuinness, and presenters Caroline Flack and Dave Berry join Keith Lemon to guess: "who habitates in a house like this?".

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: Cliffhanger. (1993) A retired mountain rescue expert is drawn into a battle of wits with a criminal searching for a lost fortune in the Rockies. Thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone and John Lithgow.

12.45 Jackpot247. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.20** The Simpsons. (R) **11.50** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **12.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.25** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** Grand Designs. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages. Penelope Keith seeks out remarkable communities in Argyll and Bute, where she learns about the local Viking saga in Mull, and explores how the Crinan Canal created one of Scotland's most beautiful short cuts. The presenter also visits Mount Stuart House on the Isle of Bute, watches a game of shinty in Tighnabruaich, and visits the island of Easdale; a place without roads and cars. (R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore a network that is completely new to them as they embark on a voyage across the Netherlands. Their journey takes them to the gardens of Keukenhof and the Teylers Museum in Haarlem, before they arrive in Amsterdam, where they tour the capital's canal district – the Grachtengordel. (R)

9.00 Film: The Monuments Men. (2014) Premiere. Seven experts in fine art are assembled into a military platoon during the Second World War, and given an unusual mission. They are sent into occupied Europe to recover priceless works of art that have fallen into Nazi hands and ensure the masterpieces survive the conflict. Fact-based drama, directed by and starring George Clooney. With Matt Damon, Bill Murray and Cate Blanchett.

11.20 Film: Haywire. (2011) A mercenary working for the US government is betrayed by one of her employers and goes in search of revenge. Action thriller, with Gina Carano.

1.05 The Last Leg. (R) **2.00** Hollyoaks. **4.00** Hoarder SOS. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** The Fairly OddParents. (R) **10.30** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.25 Film:** Gold. (1974) **1.50** Big Bash Cricket Final: Highlights. Action from the final. **3.20** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **4.20** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **5.20** The Yorkshire Vet. (R)

6.15 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. A tenant who turned out to be a confidence trickster and a letting agent who locked a couple out of their own buy-to-let investment property. (R)

7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles. The team investigates when a dishonourably discharged marine is accused of beating a Japanese tourist to death, having already been linked with the rape of a businessman's daughter. He claims that he is in love with the girl he is alleged to have raped, and that the accusations being thrown in his direction are a fabrication initiated by her father.

8.00 NCIS. A young Navy Seaman is found dead, with his eyes gouged out, after being involved in a car accident. Director Vance makes a rare return to field duty, pairing up with Gibbs to investigate when it becomes clear the killing seems to be connected to the case of Kip Klugman, a former NCIS agent he once locked up for stealing evidence.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce action from the latest fixtures, which included Aston Villa v Bristol City, Norwich City v Birmingham City, and Reading v Cardiff City.

9.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the latest matches in Leagues One and Two, including Bristol Rovers v Swindon Town, and Yeovil Town v Doncaster Rovers.

10.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they cope with living alongside one another.

11.05 Body Freaks: Old Face, New Face. Documentary following people who have had extreme cosmetic transformations. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **4.00** Celebrity Botched Up Bodies. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Crossing England in a Punt: River of Dreams **8.00** Treasures of the Indus **9.00** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **10.00** The Young Montalbano **11.55** Top of the Pops: 1983 **12.35** Otis Redding: Soul Ambassador **1.40** Classic Soul at the BBC **2.40** Sings Motown **3.40** Close

ITV2

11.00 Ninja Warrior UK **12.00** Take Me Out Celebrity Special **1.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.05 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **3.05** FYI Daily **3.10 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **4.05 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **5.50 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **8.00 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **11.10** Family Guy **12.40** American Dad! **1.35** The Cleveland Show **2.00** Dads **2.25** Safeword **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

2.00 Agatha Christie's Marple **4.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.05** Blue Murder **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 Film: The Man from the Alamo (1953) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** The Man from the Alamo (1953) **12.45** Storage Wars **1.15** ITV Racing Live from Cheltenham and Doncaster. Coverage of today's race meetings at Cheltenham and Doncaster. **4.30 Film:** Lawman (1971) **5.30** FYI Daily **5.35 Film:** Lawman (1971) **6.30** Pawn Stars **7.00** Darts: The Masters Live. Coverage of day two from Milton Keynes. **11.00 Film:** Resident Evil (2002) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Resident Evil (2002) **1.05** River Monsters **2.05** Storage Wars **2.30** Sporting Funnies **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4

12.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.00 Film:** School of Rock (2003) **3.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** X-Men: First Class (2011) **11.35** Gogglebox **1.15** First Dates **2.25** Virtually Famous **3.05** Chewing Gum **3.30** Revenge **4.55** The Goldbergs

Film4

1.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) **3.20** The House of Magic (2013) **5.05** Clueless (1995) **6.55** Millions (2004) **8.50** Loving Interview Special **9.00** Slumdog Millionaire (2008) **11.25** Yakuza Apocalypse (2015) **1.40** R100 (2013)

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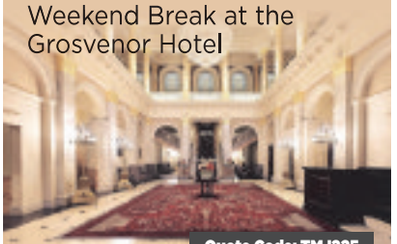

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CHOICE

Emily Watson

Apple Tree Yard (BBC1, 9pm)

Yvonne shuts down in the aftermath of the attack, unable to report the crime to the police or open up to her husband. Things only get worse when her attacker begins stalking her, progressing from e-mails to following her. Terrified, she turns to Costley for support. He arranges a meeting at a safe house and she becomes tempted to enlist his help in getting revenge. Gary makes a startling admission on the morning that Yvonne prepares to accompany Costley as he seeks out her attacker – which leads her into an even worse situation.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **11.50** Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup. **2.00** BBC News; Weather. **2.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.00** Songs of Praise. **3.35** Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup. Manchester United v Wigan Athletic (Kick-off 4.00pm).

6.05 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison present the show from the Peak District. Matt investigates a project to protect the area's moorland, while Ellie meets a photographer and a mountaineer working together on an unusual collaboration. Edith Bowman explores the East Neuk of Fife, Tom Heap reports on broadband access in rural areas, and Adam Henson completes his journey across New Zealand.

7.30 Still Open All Hours. A mysterious woman comes looking for Eric, and Kath is not convinced by his claims to have no idea who she is. Granville tries to promote the medicinal qualities of turnips.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Sister Ursula insists the midwives do not become emotionally involved with their patients, but her harsh new approach proves hard to cope with in the face of two devastating cases. A father-to-be is badly injured in an explosion, leaving him unable to work to support his family, and a couple with dwarfism expecting their first child are warned that their child may be stillborn.

9.00 Apple Tree Yard. Yvonne is stalked by her attacker and is unable to talk to either her husband or the police. She turns to Costley for support, only to find herself plunged into a greater nightmare.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. The latest matches in the FA Cup fourth round, which included Millwall v Watford, Fulham v Hull City, and Manchester United v Wigan Athletic.

11.20 The Boy Who Tried to Kill Trump. **12.05** The Celebrity Apprentice USA. **1.30** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Coast. (R) **7.15** A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **8.00** An Island Parish: Anguilla. (R) **8.30** The Edible Garden. (R) **9.00** Countryfile. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) **12.00** Figure Skating: European Championships. **1.00** Tennis: Australian Open Highlights. **2.30** Live Bowls: World Indoor Championships. The men's singles final. **5.15** Yellowstone: The Blazing Summer. (R)

6.15 Ski Sunday. Including action from the World Cup night slalom in Schladming, Austria, and the women's downhill event staged in Cortina, Italy.

7.00 City in the Sky. Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry examine the advanced technology needed to ensure the safety of the one million people estimated to be travelling by plane at any given time. They discover the daily routines of air traffic controllers in the busiest airspace in the world and pilots flying thousands of miles at night. Plus, transporting horses by planes and in-flight medical advice. (R)

8.00 Dragons' Den. The panel assesses the profit-making potential of a range of dolls inspired by history, a new kind of bicycle indicator light, and a honey-infused drink made by beekeepers.

9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week. New series. Reggie Yates hosts the military training challenge. The recruits are put through their paces by a former colonel in the South African Special Forces Brigade.

10.00 QI XL. Guests Colin Lane, Sarah Millican and Noel Fielding join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig to contemplate the theme "numbers" in this extended episode.

10.45 Live at the Apollo. Sarah Millican presents stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo, with rising star Tom Allen and US comedian Arj Barker. (R)

11.30 Film: The Cider House Rules. (1999) A doctor's assistant living in the orphanage where he grew up sets out to see more of life, but faces difficult moral decisions. Drama, starring Tobey Maguire and Michael Caine.

1.30 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.30** Holby City. (R) **3.30** This Is BBC Two. **5.30** Secrets of the Mona Lisa. (R)

ITV

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6.30 Dance Dance Dance. Alesha Dixon and Will Best host the dance contest. The celebrity contestants try to replicate routines made famous by Bruno Mars, Beyonce and Justin Bieber to impress judges Ashley Banjo, Tina Landon and Timor Steffens and secure themselves a place in next week's penultimate episode.

8.00 Endeavour. The discovery of a 2000-year-old body provides fresh evidence in a five-year-old unsolved missing persons case, so Morse and Thursday take up the investigation, discovering a possible link to a local pagan ritual to celebrate the harvest. The investigation leads them to a nuclear power station, where they face a conspiracy of silence concerning an experimental new reactor and a potential disaster that could devastate Oxford. Guest starring Sheila Hancock, widow of original Inspector Morse star John Thaw. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Peston on Sunday. (R)

11.15 Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights. Action from the latest Anglo-Welsh fixtures, including Scarlets v Saracens, Sale Sharks v Cardiff Blues, Ospreys v Bristol and Leicester Tigers v Northampton Saints.

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Chopping Block. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25 Film:** Epic. (2013) Animated adventure, with the voice of Amanda Seyfried. **4.30** Channel 4 News. **4.55 Film:** Avatar. (2009) Sci-fi adventure, starring Sam Worthington.

8.00 Walking the Americas. The final leg of Levison Wood's journey brings him to Panama, where he ventures through the Darien Gap, one of the world's most dangerous stretches of jungle, to reach Colombia. He also visits the Panama Canal, explores an uncharted cave that is home to vampire bats, and spends some time with an indigenous tribe living deep in the jungle. Last in the series.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie and Reda battle for their client, Quinn fights against his new life, and Saul and Dar suspect Keane has a secret. Claire Danes and Rupert Friend star.

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the words-and-numbers quiz, as Jon Richardson and David O'Doherty take on Johnny Vegas and Jamie Laing. Holly Walsh helps out in Dictionary Corner. (R)

11.00 Film: Sleepy Hollow. (1999) A sceptical 18th-century detective takes on a headless horseman who decapitates his victims. Tim Burton's gothic horror, with Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci and Miranda Richardson.

1.00 How to Lose Weight Well. Dr Xand van Tulleken and dietician Hala El-Shafie help a student to slim down for her graduation day, and a groom also attempts to lose weight. (R) **1.55** Heston's Great British Food. A twist on the classic British afternoon tea, featuring a cake stand made out of sponge, a Darjeeling and hedgerow brew and an edible sandwich casino. (R) **2.50** The Autistic Gardener. Award-winning designer Alan Gardner and his team of fellow autistic horticultural enthusiasts radically update a couple's neglected plot in north east London. (R) **3.40** Win It Cook It. Two more teams of contestants answer questions to win a selection of today's mixed bag of ingredients. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.00** Seaside Antics. (R) **7.10** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.20** Pip Ahoy! (R) **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.45** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.55** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.55** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.55** The Fairly OddParents. (R) **10.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.00** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Police Interceptors Unleashed. (R) **12.00** Dads Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **1.00** Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **2.00 Film:** The First Wives Club. (1996) Revenge comedy, starring Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler and Diane Keaton. **4.00 Film:** Miss Congeniality. (2000) Comedy, starring Sandra Bullock.

6.10 Film: Leap Year. (2010) A woman plans to take advantage of an Irish tradition to propose to her boyfriend while on holiday in Dublin. When they become separated, she faces a disastrous journey across the country in the company of a charming local innkeeper, and is tempted to leave her boyfriend for her travelling companion. Romantic comedy, starring Amy Adams, Matthew Goode and Adam Scott.

8.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 4. Iain Lee narrates a compilation of internet videos featuring cats doing bizarre and humorous things. With contributions from Andi Osho, Felicity Ward and Scott Capurro.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The remaining housemates embark on their final week, knowing only one of them can be crowned Celebrity Big Brother winner on Friday night.

10.00 Film: Life As We Know It. (2010) Premiere. Two people who do not get on are forced to live together when they are named guardians of their dead friends' baby daughter. Comedy, starring Katherine Heigl. Includes 5 News Update at 11pm.

12.15 Film: Going the Distance. (2010) **2.00** SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** Saw: The Final Chapter. (2010) **4.40** Access. **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 David Starkey's Music & Monarchy **8.00** British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley **9.00** Rich Hall's You Can Go to Hell, I'm Going to Texas **10.30 Film:** Under the Rainbow (2013) **12.15** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **1.15** Sound of Musicals with Neil Brand **2.15** Bollywood and Beyond: A Century of Indian Cinema **3.45** Close

ITV2

11.30 The Voice UK **1.00** 2Awesome **1.05** 2Awesome: Guidance **1.40** 2Awesome: Side Effects **2.20** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **2.40** 2Awesome: LA Story **3.00 Film:** Inspector Gadget (1999) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05 Film:** Inspector Gadget (1999) **4.35 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **5.35** FYI Daily **5.40 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **8.00 Film:** Skyfall (2012) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** Skyfall (2012) **10.45** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.45** The Cleveland Show **2.10** The Hot Desk: Louisa Johnson **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.50 Wycliffe **1.55 Film:** Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990) **4.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** This Time Next Year **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30 Film:** Changeling (2008) **11.35** FYI Daily **11.40 Film:** Changeling (2008) **1.20** A Touch of Frost **3.10** May the Best House Win **4.55** On the Buses **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

12.45 Darts: The Masters Live. **5.00** The Darts Show **5.55** Mr Bean **7.00** Darts: The Masters Live. The semi-finals and final from Milton Keynes. **11.00 Film:** Barb Wire (1996) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Barb Wire (1996) **1.05** River Monsters **2.05** Hell on Wheels **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

3.00 The Big Bang Theory: Superheroes **7.00 Film:** X-Men (2000) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00 Film:** Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (2011) **11.50** Britain's Favourite Superhero **1.30** Tattoo Fixers **2.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.15** Rude(ish) Tube **3.35** Hollyoaks

Film4

1.00 The Love Bug (1968) **3.10** The Borrowers (1997) **4.50** Sunshine on Leith (2013) **6.50** The River Wild (1994) **9.00** Now You See Me (2013) **11.15** Spring Breakers (2012) **1.05** The Kingdom of Dreams and Madness (2013) **3.30** Close

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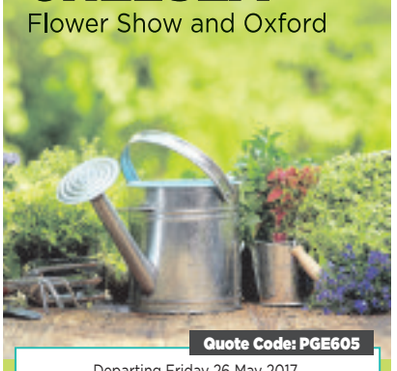

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Hidden Truth: Lies Will Surface, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A young woman is forced to prove her brother's innocence after a teenage girl is found murdered in a California town. But she discovers a disturbing dark side to the community, and the hidden identity of the killer. Thriller, starring Shawn Christian. (2016)

TUESDAY
Fatal Memories, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Successful lawyer Sutton is confronted by a horrific scene when she returns to her family home to find her mother has been brutally stabbed to death, and her troubled younger sister April standing over the body with a bloodied knife. Despite the overwhelming evidence against her sibling, Sutton is convinced April is innocent, and sets out prove it. Mystery thriller, starring Italia Ricci and Magda Apanowicz. (2015)

WEDNESDAY
Nightmare from the Past, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Two decades after four high school students accidentally killed a mansion's owner, a mother faces a ghost from her youth in the form of the obsessed ex-con who paid the price for the friends' crimes. Thriller, starring Ashley Scott. (2015)

The Guardian, Friday, BBC1, 11.55pm

THURSDAY
Garage Sale Mystery 7: The Art of Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm
While busy preparing for a charity garage sale event, an antique store owner discovers a body in the attic of a nearby home. Using her eye for detail, as well as her experience with antiques and murder, she sets about putting together clues to help catch a killer. Drama, starring Lori Loughlin. (2016)

FRIDAY
The Guardian, BBC1, 11.55pm
A distinguished coastguard is recruited to prepare the next generation of aspiring search and rescue specialists. He meets his match with a talented and troubled rookie – a high-school swimming champion who is determined to inherit the instructor's crown. However, throughout the rigorous training the pair forge a strong friendship and settle the struggle for authority. Drama, with Kevin Costner. (2006)

Coastal journey brings back the memories

The United Kingdom has one of the world's most varied coastal landscapes, from sweeping sands and rugged cliffs, to spits and mudflats. Then there's the wealth of historic fishing villages and colourful seaside towns which attract many visitors every year.

In his latest travelogue, Robson Green explores some of Blighty's most intriguing stretches of coastline and discovers what it is about the shoreline that continues to inspire.

"Throughout my life, I've always felt happiest when near the sea," he explains. "I grew up close to the coast, and I've swam or fished off the shores of more than a 100 different countries. Now I want to explore the very edges of Britain."

The actor and presenter travels to four very different stretches of coastline, and meets people who share his passion for our shores.

In the first episode he's off to a 90-mile stretch of North Devon coast that holds childhood memories for him. His adventure begins at the popular seaside resort of Ilfracombe, a town that attracts thousands of visitors every summer.

"There are parts of North Devon that make you feel like you're stepping back in time," explains Robson. "So I'm hoping this journey will help me understand just how and why our love affair with the coast began."

Our Victorian ancestors' desire to be beside the seaside was so great, they would often go to extraordinary lengths to access the best places to soak up the sun. Privately owned tidal pools, with steep cliffs offered the perfect shelter for bathing, but they could only be accessed by boat, so almost 200 years ago, hundreds of Welsh miners were tasked with carving a network of tunnels through the cliffs, to open the pools up to the public.

Aside from investigating a Victorian invention designed to avoid embarrassing swimwear mishaps while changing, Green also sees how the high tidal ranges and craggy rocks make the perfect habitat for marine life.

Following a night under canvas, the eponymous star takes a boat ride 10-miles southwest of Bideford, to the port of Clovelly. With its cobbled streets and 13th-century harbour, the village evokes the character and atmosphere of a bygone age.

Given its picturesque appeal, there's little wonder it has featured in film versions of Sense and Sensibility and Treasure Island. However, after arriving in this quiet seaside village, Robson is involved in a true life drama and a real rescue mission.

Later, he visits Lundy, a dozen miles off the North Devon coast; it's one of the UK's most unspoiled islands. However, just getting there proves to be a struggle, thanks to the Bristol Channel whose choppy waters leave the star a little green around the gills.

With feet back on terra firma, he's soon suspended precariously over it as he scales the sea cliff on the west side of the island known as the Devil's Slide. At 400-feet in length, it's the largest slab of granite in Europe.

Once a pop star, it seems Robson is now keen on becoming a rock star, but as the show reveals, it's not long before his mind starts playing tricks on him.

Tales from the Coast with Robson Green, Tuesday, ITV, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Undercover: Britain's Cheap Clothes - Channel 4 Dispatches
Channel 4, 8pm
The British public have certainly taken internet shopping to their hearts – a few years ago, Black Friday and Cyber Monday were largely unknown concepts in the UK, but this year these pre-Christmas sales days saw us spend almost £6.5billion online. In her continuing investigation into Britain's cheap clothing market, Morland Sanders looks into what the home-delivery economy boom means for the workers in some of the 1,500 warehouses that have sprung up in Britain to service these orders. Secret filming shows the realities of operatives walking miles of floorspace a day to make sure the clothes are dispatched during the busiest time of year and also asks what happens if an employee is unwell, turns up late or doesn't want to work overtime.

TUESDAY
Further Back in Time for Dinner
BBC2, 8pm
The Robshaw family enter the turbulent 1910s and the First World War turns all their lives upside down, putting Rochelle back in the kitchen instead of servant Debbie. Never a natural cook, she struggles to feed the family as supplies start to run out and the war puts an end to their previously carefree lives. However, the decade has its positives too with the freedom of a bike ride and an idyllic picnic, and a visit from celebrity chef John Torode - but even he cannot salvage something tasty from 1918's fish sausages.

WEDNESDAY
DIY SOS: The Big Build
BBC1, 9pm
There was a time when the original DIY SOS was just Nick Knowles and a bunch of mates having a laugh as they raced against the clock to transform peoples' houses, and lives. Then the projects became more serious as it became obvious that viewers in floods of tears equalled good ratings. The Big Build continues to pluck at the heart strings with one of the most moving editions to date. Nick, Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen and the team are in the Worcestershire village of Eckington to help 17-year-old Antonia Payne-Cheney. She has a rare condition called Ehlers-Danlos syndrome that causes her joints to regularly dislocate. And because she can't eat normally, she has to be fed through a tube. The builders need to create a sterile space for medical procedures in her bedroom, a specially adapted wet room and an area where she can socialise with friends and family. Have those hankies on stand-by. You may need them.

Tracey Ullman's Show, Friday, BBC1, 9.30pm

THURSDAY
Parenting for Idiots
Channel 4, 10pm
New series. Light-hearted documentary in which a cast of famous faces reveal the many sides of modern parenting in a succession of magic moments and horror stories, while child-free celebrities experience the realities of looking after a child for the first time. Episode one focuses on the different types of chaos that ensue from having children, with Sally Phillips discussing living with nits, Frankie Boyle revealing how his children embarrass him, and Andrew Flintoff divulging a few truths about the Tooth Fairy. Plus, non-parents Jamie Laing and Mark-Francis Vandelli get a taste of parenthood by looking after a five-month-old baby for the day.

FRIDAY
Celebrity Big Brother: Live Final
Channel 5, 9pm
After four-and-a-half weeks of nominations, tasks, evictions and walkouts, the nail-biting moment has finally arrived for the remaining All Stars and New Stars to hear the public's verdict. Emma Willis whittles them down one by one until this year's winner is known – but not before Marcus Bentley narrates highlights of their last day in the house.

Tracey Ullman's Show
BBC1, 9.30pm
New series. The start of a fresh run of comedy sketches featuring the talented entertainer, who made her name in the UK in the early 1980s before settling for some time in the United States. Delinquent Dame Judi Dench is back, but will being a National Treasure be enough to save her this time? Ambitious politician Nicola Sturgeon has her sights set on more than just Scotland, while there's a heartfelt song from German leader Angela Merkel.

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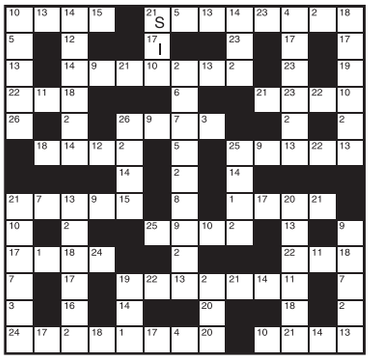

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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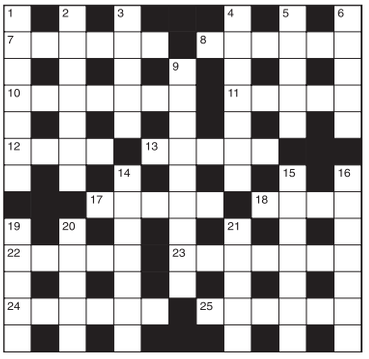
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. No ride smoothed out (6)
8. Develop half-love after love returned (6)
10. Cruel, as outside the church (7)
11. Knotty points for those voting against - about 500 (5)
12. In addition; I object about alternative indicator (4)
13. Night object (5)
17. External appearance of ropes, say (5)
18. Court dunderhead in the trees (4)
22. It's all right to bring father back to take one animal (5)
23. About to beat, drive back (7)
24. Trance-producing drink (6)
25. Took part in musical game, perhaps (6)

Down

1. Charming, maybe, but won't charm everybody's heart (7)
2. 100 having a sure winner in entertainment (7)
3. Part of 9 is nothing more than a prisoner's room (5)
4. Getting everybody on a level at the end of the day? (7)
5. Go smoothly along with learner in the team (5)
6. Stop 100 getting relief (5)
9. Roar madly about box with instruments in it (9)
14. Make false claim about America being notedly harmonious (7)
15. Simultaneous discharges of missiles on court? (7)
16. A theologian to finish article in appendix (7)
19. Meat in the meeting place (5)
20. When steps are taken by the troops? (5)
21. Fruit to put very quietly in drink (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Fixed (6)
8. Cope (6)
10. Speech (7)
11. Boats (5)
12. Solicitude (4)
13. Niggard (5)
17. Hold up (5)
18. Stockings (4)
22. Commerce (5)
23. Detestable (7)
24. Trust (6)
25. Decisive moment (6)

Down

1. Foretell (7)
2. Affect (7)
3. Lukewarm (5)
4. School bag (7)
5. Heathen (5)
6. Pier (5)
9. Aversion (9)
14. Fault (7)
15. Admit (7)
16. Hermit (7)
19. Adhere (5)
20. Hesitate (5)
21. Tale (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 All up; 4 Lunatic; 8 Conduct; 9 Wooer; 10 Most; 11 Entrance; 13 Dive; 14 Here; 16 Accurate; 17 Open; 20 Image; 21 Remorse; 22 Greatly; 23 Treat.
Down: 1 Accommodating; 2 Lines; 3 Pout; 4 Latent; 5 Newsreel; 6 Trounce; 7 Correspondent; 12 Overheat; 13 Declare; 15 Stormy; 18 Purge; 19 Emit.
QUICK - Across: 1 Repel; 4 Repress; 8 Project; 9 Topic; 10 Ease; 11 Decrease; 13 Deed; 14 Gain; 16 Severity; 17 Maze; 20 Barge; 21 Irksome; 22 Element; 23 Press. Down: 1 Reprehensible; 2 Pious; 3 Lees; 4 Rather; 5 Paternal; 6 Explain; 7 Secretiveness; 12 Reprieve; 13 Divorce; 15 Strict; 18 Alone; 19 Skip.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Who wrote the Aldwych farces of the 1920s?
2. Of which well-known effect is red shift an example?
3. In which market town did Judge Jeffreys hold the Bloody Assizes of 1685?
4. Which health resort lies between Lakes Brienz and Thun?
5. Which King Harold was killed at the Battle of Hastings?
6. In which art gallery is the Mona Lisa?
7. Which mathematical functions did John Napier discover in 1614?
8. Between which three fruits is the ugli a cross?
9. Which sugar forms five per cent of cow's milk?
10. Who wrote And Quiet Flows The Don?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Swiss; 2 US Civil War; 3 James Kelman; 4 The Blue Angel; 5 Menelaus; 6 Manitoba; 7 Four; 8 Sodium; 9 A water bug; 10 French Revolutionary calendar.

Niner: DISPROVEN

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

26352 gives a blood vessel,
23583489 gives blood vessels,
13247 gives part of the nervous system.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Hot stuff – Santiago from San Cristobal Hill, Chile

Oh what a sight – the ruins of the ancient city in Paphos Archaeological Park, in Cyprus

King of the jungle – a ring-tailed lemur in Madagascar

Destinations off the beaten track

REMEDY January blues by planning your holidays. Fancy a new experience, here are four overseas locations to top this year's wish-list for far away, and not-so-far-away, destinations.

SANTIAGO, CHILE: Best for long haul

This month, British Airways launch their longest flight, a 14-hour and 40-minute direct route from London Heathrow to Chilean capital, Santiago. (Flights from £680 return if booked in March; www.britishairways.com)

Delve into the life of Nobel Prize-winning poet and political activist Pablo Neruda, the subject of new acclaimed art house film – Neruda – starring Gael Garcia Bernal. Neruda's three eccentric houses have been transformed into museums; two along the coast in Valparaiso and Isla Negra, and one in Santiago's Bellavista district. Visit www.fundacionneruda.org/en for opening times and entry prices.

A 10-minute walk away, across the capital's fast-flowing Mapocho River, lies trendy area Lastarria, home to new boutique hotel Magnolia. Built in 1929, the former family home has been restored to its former Neo-Gothic glory, with an elegant bar and reading library. Rooms from £145 with breakfast, visit hotelmagnolia.cl

FINLAND: Best for short haul

This December, Finland celebrates 100 years of independence from the Russian Republic, with celebrations and new openings happening throughout 2017.

The most exciting project is the designation of new national park Hossa, in eastern Finland's Kainuu region, which will become the outdoor-loving nation's largest protected nature area.

Hike trails, canoe waterways, or seek out Stone Age rock paintings. Overnight in a cabin or embrace the wilderness by camping; bookings can be made at the Hossa Visitor Centre (www.nationalparks.fi/en/hossavisitorcentre).

Although the woodland setting perfectly matches author Tove Jansson's whimsical imagination, you won't bump into any Moomins in Hossa. Instead, head to Tampere, in June, when the newly renovated Moomin Museum opens, showcasing more than 2,000 pieces of memorabilia (muumilaakso.tampere.fi/en). Everyone is invited to the party from August 25-27, when outdoor tables will be laid across the country for Finland's ambitious Let's Eat Together festival (syodaanyhdessa.fi/in-english).

MADAGASCAR: Best for wildlife

Revered for its endemic wildlife, most notably the charismatic lemur, this African island, lapped by the Indian Ocean, is benefiting from improved infrastructure and accommodation options.

Managed by Norman Carr Safaris, the new Miavana resort sits on Nosy Ankao, part of a private five-island archipelago off the north-east tip of the mainland. Dissected by lagoons and fringed with reefs, it's ideally located for observing the island's marine bio-diversity.

Visit between June and November to spot migrating humpback whales. To find out more, see www.timeandtideafrica.com/miavana (the property is due to open early 2017).

A more economical option for exploring Madagascar is G Adventures' new eight-day Baobab & Tsingy Explorer trip, focussing on the central region and its famous spiky rock formations. The trip costs from £999 per person, excluding flights; visit www.gadventures.com

PAPHOS, CYPRUS: Best for culture

Offset hours spent snoozing on a sunlounger by clocking up cultural pursuits in 2017's balmy European Capital of Culture.

Throughout the year, 300 events will be staged against a backdrop of Hellenistic tombs and Roman fortresses in the birthplace of ancient goddess Aphrodite on the island's south-west coast.

A varied programme will include open-air concerts in the medieval Castle Square, cinema screenings on the beach, dance shows in the street and an art exhibition along the Akamas Peninsula. For more details, visit www.pafos2017.eu

The mosaics of Nea Paphos (Aphrodite's Sacred City) are rated among the most beautiful in the world and have earned Unesco World Heritage status. In October, archaeologist Sharon Walker from the British Museum will be hosting a series of workshops about the mosaics at Paphos' sophisticated beachside Almyra hotel. Rooms cost from £86 per night with breakfast; www.thanoshotels.com

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This exceptional home has a wealth of impressive features which include oak Parquet flooring to the entrance hall, fire places in the sitting room and snug, ceiling roses, period coving and French windows to the orangery and playroom. There is also a bespoke fitted Charles York kitchen incorporating a number of integrated appliances. There is a stunning orangery with a vaulted glazed roof, a separate utility room and guest cloakroom/WC, four spacious and luxurious bedrooms, a further upstairs room which could be used as either a study or as a child's nursery, a stunning en-suite and large family bathroom both fitted with Imperial suites.

In more detail the entrance has spotlighting, quarry tiled flooring and a stunning solid oak front door leading through into the reception hallway. The reception hallway has stairs leading to the first floor landing and a large storage cupboard. The sitting room has a cast iron period living flame gas fire set into a solid oak surround set on a marble hearth, original parquet flooring and a bay window. Perfect for cosy nights in by the stove, the snug has a cast iron multi fuel feature fire, set on a tiled hearth with a wooden mantle over, original parquet flooring and double doors leading through into the orangery. The kitchen is in a classic design inspired by the arts and craft movement. It features beautiful worktops with twin butler sink. In addition the kitchen has integrated appliances which include a microwave, fridge and freezer plus dishwasher. It has a Travetine tiled floor. The orangery is the heart of this stunning home. With a vaulted double glazed ceiling the natural light floods into this amazing living space. It has Travetine tiled flooring with under floor heating. The orangery is the perfect setting for entertaining.

CANNOCK £550,000

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- Substantial gardens

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- Front and Rear Gardens
- Parking

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- Lounge/Dining Room
- TENANCY FEES APPLY

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A One/Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- Small Rear Garden
- Small Pet Considered
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

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- Conservatory
- Kitchen, utility
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- Driveway and garage
- EPC rating D

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- Good overall plot
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- Utility, guest WC, conservatory
- Detached double garage
- EPC rating D

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Burntwood Office - £375,000

BURNTWOOD, CHASE ROAD

- Unique detached cottage
- Two receptions, kitchen
- Two bedroom annexe
- Substantial rear garden
- Swimming pool, log cabin
- Courtyard, double garage
- EPC rating D

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £350,000

BLOXWICH, WESTHALL GATE

- Spacious three storey home
- Superb Cul-de-Sac location
- 3 receptions, kitchen, guest WC
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Entertainment room, utility
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating C

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BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Executive family home
- Extensive rear garden
- Ample off road parking
- Open plan living
- Sought after location
- Delightful views to the front
- EPC Rating E

4 2

Great Wyrley Office - £250,000

GREAT WYRLEY, JOHNS LANE

- Spacious detached bungalow
- Fully refurbished interiors
- Two reception rooms
- Superb fitted kitchen
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £225,000

GREAT WYRLEY, OLDE HALL LANE

- Spacious detached bungalow
- Prime village location\
- Lounge, kitchen
- Conservatory
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

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Burntwood Office - £220,000

BURNTWOOD, HIGHFIELDS ROAD

- Spacious detached bungalow
- Immaculately presented throughout
- Lounge, kitchen diner
- Utility room
- Private mature rear garden
- Ample off road parking
- EPC rating D

2 1

Burntwood Office - £210,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Spacious family home
- Generous rear garden
- Delightful views to the front
- Good size bedrooms
- Plenty of potential
- Sought after location
- EPC rating D

3 1

Burntwood Office - £210,000

HAMMERWICH, OVERTON LANE

- Cottage style home
- Spacious open plan kitchen/diner
- Ample off road parking
- Mature private rear garden
- Countryside views to the rear
- Sought after village location
- EPC rating C

3 1

Burntwood Office - £180,000

NORTON CANES, HILL STREET

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- Loft conversion
- No onward chain
- EPC rating D

2 1

Burntwood Office - £180,000

BURNTWOOD, SLADE AVENUE

- Detached bungalow
- Extended accommodation
- Lounge
- Kitchen / dining room
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

2 1

Burntwood Office - £175,000

BURNTWOOD, COPPICE CLOSE

- Extended semi
- Immaculate interiors
- Good sized lounge
- Open plan kitchen/diner
- Rear garden
- Driveway, garage
- EPC rating B

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £169,950

CHESLYN HAY, QUEEN STREET

- Superb semi-detached house
- Quiet village location
- Far reaching views
- Spacious lounge, kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Driveway parking
- EPC rating to follow

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Great Wyrley Office - £164,950

CHESLYN HAY, HIGH STREET

- Superb period semi
- No upward chain
- Lounge, kitchen
- Dining room / G/F bedroom
- Ground floor bathroom
- Off-road parking
- EPC rating E

2 1

Burntwood Office - £150,000

BRERETON, THOMPSON ROAD

- Semi detached family home
- Integral garage and driveway
- Conservatory to rear
- Front and rear gardens
- Needs modernisation
- No chain
- EPC rating D

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Great Wyrley Office - £135,000

CHESLYN HAY, COPPICE LANE

- Mid-terraced period property
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, guest WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Garden
- No upward chain
- EPC rating E

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £134,950

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Period end-terraced property
- Lounge, dining room
- Good sized kitchen
- Off road parking
- Detached garage
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £129,950

BLOXWICH, GRENFELL ROAD

- Well presented semi
- Ideal 1st time / investment buy
- Dual aspect lounge / diner
- Kitchen. Guest WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Good sized rear garden
- EPC rating E

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Great Wyrley Office - £119,950

GREAT WYRLEY, TELFORD AVENUE

- Well proportioned terrace
- Popular village location
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen, hall / dining room
- Two double bedrooms
- Garden, driveway parking
- EPC rating C

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £89,950

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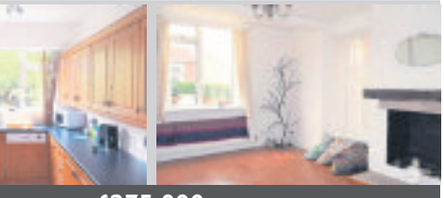

£275,000

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Ideally situated just on the outskirts of Cannock Town
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property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining
kitchen, utility room, study, four bedrooms, master with
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- Semi Detached Family House
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- Refitted Upstairs Bathroom
- No Chain
- EPC = E

Lakeside Boulevard Bridgtown

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- New Build Coach House Apartment
- Well Presented Throughout
- Entrance Hall & Open Plan Lounge
- One Double Bedroom & Bathroom
- Garage & Allocated Parking
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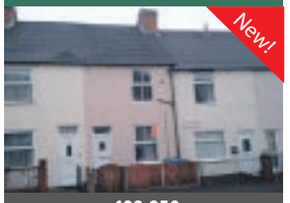
Huntington Terrace Road Cannock



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- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Rear Carport & Detached Rear Garden
- EPC = TBC

Heath Gap Road Hednesford

£185,000

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge & Fitted Kitchen Diner
- Well Presented Throughout
- Downstairs Guest W.C
- Multi Tiered Rear Garden
- EPC = C

Pye Green Road Cannock

£115,000

- Traditional Semi Detached House
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Lounge & Refitted Kitchen
- Guest W.C & Upstairs Bathroom
- Conservatory & No Chain
- EPC = TBA

High Street Chasetown

£290,000

- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Impressive Lounge Diner
- Shower Room and Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended
- EPC = TBC

Pye Green Road Cannock

£230,000

- Superb Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge Diner & Well Styled Kitchen
- Must be Viewed
- EPC = E

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Burntwood Road Norton Canes

£185,000

- Four Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge Diner
- Kitchen/Utility Room
- Bathroom & Separate Shower
- Wooded Aspect to Rear
- EPC = F

Grouse Way Heath Hayes

£170,000

- Modern Mews Style House
- Three Bedrooms & Ensuite
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- Downstairs Guest WC
- Ample Driveway & Garage
- EPC = C

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- Great Family Purchase

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tached House
airs Shower
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ed Rear Garden

Pye Green Road Cannock

£200,000

- Fantastic Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Refitted Upstairs Bathroom
- EPC = F

Cotswold Close Hednesford

£150,000

- Semi Detached House
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bed/Dining Room
- Two Bathrooms
- Forecourt Parking
- EPC = C

Sweetbriar Way Wimblebury

£160,000

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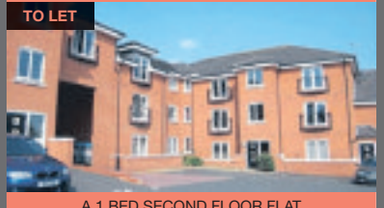

A 1 BED SECOND FLOOR FLAT

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- Close to Local Amenities & Good Transport Links
- Popular Resiential Area of Heath Hayes
- Secure Allocated Parking
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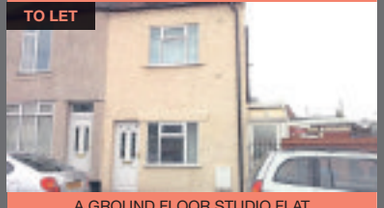

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Priory Avenue, Rugeley

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£285,000

Station Road. Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three storey family home, being situated close to town centre. Gas Central Heating. Accommodation having Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Dining Room. Bedroom and Bathroom with stairs to Bedroom Two. Garden to rear and NO CHAIN

£124,950

The Lindens, Rugeley

JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious second floor one bedroom apartment in a popular location close to town. The self contained apartment has a security intercom entrance with Hallway, Lounge and Open Plan Kitchen, Bedroom and Bathroom. Allocated parking and Communal Gardens

£97,000

Church Street, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this rare and well presented period property in a popular location. Chadscroft offers an abundance of style, proportions and features you would expect to find in a property of this calibre. Viewing is essential to appreciate the property with No Chain

£279,950

Fortescue Lane, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this immaculate two bedroom traditional terraced property situated in the town centre. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good sized Garden to rear

£141,995

Old Eaton Road, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow, being situated in a sought after location. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge / Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Conservatory, Bathroom and Separate w.c. Driveway to Garage and Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£244,950

Lanehead Walk, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached property,located in a cul de sac close to local amenities. Having Hallway, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway and Detached Garage with Garden to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£174,950

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom end terraced property, located in a quiet cul de sac. Accommodation having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking and Garden to rear

£149,995

Beechmere Rise, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this split level detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location.Having Hallway with landing to Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate w.c. Stairs down to Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Guest w.c. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

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St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached family home situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Garden. NO CHAIN

£210,000

Coalpit Mews, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented, unique and stylish mews style property. Internally there are three good size bedrooms, spacious living accommodation, two bathrooms and conservatory. Beautiful gardens and off road parking also feature..not to be missed

£205,000

Upton Place, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached family home being available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear with Driveway

£145,000

NEW

William Morris Court, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented mid terraced home ideal for FTB/Investment purchasers. Offered with the added benefit of No Upward Chain the property features include: hallway, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Gardens to front and rear also feature

£109,950

Hislop Road, Rugeley

NO CHAIN

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached having the benefit of no upward chain. The property does require modernisation throughout but also offers a good investment and would make an ideal rental purchase

£99,950

NEW

Catkin Walk, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented extended three bedroom semi detached,being close to local amenities. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge,Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen and Snug. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Drive to Garage and Landscaped Garden to rear

£158,000

NEW

Bagnall Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate.Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite,Two further bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking and Garden

£169,950

Pike Lane, Armitage

NEW PRICE

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, located in a quiet village location. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Extended Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens and Parking to Rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£189,950

NEW

Bow Street, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom end terraced property,in the town centre and being ideal for an investment. Having Gas Central Heating and UPVC Glazing. Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Stairs to Landing with Bedroom and Bathroom. Further stairs to Attic Room with En Suite

£99,950

MUST BE VIEWED

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this modern two bedroom semi detached home,ideal for investment or first time buyers.Having Entrance Hallway, Guest w.c, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Enclosed Garden to rear with Garage and parking

£147,500

The Shrubbery, Brereton

NO CHAIN

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom detached bungalow, situated in a quiet cul de sac location and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN.Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom.Driveway to Detached Garage and Gardens

£219,950

NO CHAIN

Swan Close, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to market for sale this one bedroom semi detached bungalow,situated in a quiet cul de sac and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bedroom and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear and off road parking

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- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Parking

£74,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
PENNY COURT

- Ground Floor
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

£70,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
MOUNT STREET

- Ground Floor
- Open plan
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Bedroom
- Garden
- NO CHAIN

£70,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
BRINDLEY ROAD

- 2 Bed Semi
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Garage
- NO CHAIN!

£169,950

NEW

HEATH HAYES
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- Stunning Detached
- Excellent School Catchment
- Through Hall
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms,
- Bathroom

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- 3 Bed Detached
- Porch, Hall
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens. Garage

£174,950

NEW

BRIDGTOWN
WATERBROOK WAY

- Modern Starter Home
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

£130,000

HUNTINGTON
LUPIN DRIVE

- End Town House
- Entrance Hallway,
- Breakfast Kitchen,
- Spacious lounge
- Conservatory.
- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathoom. En-Suite

£225,000

HEDNESFORD
PENDLE HILL

- Renovated Property
- Porch, Hallway
- Lounge
- New Kitchen
- Bathroom, Shower Room
- Downstairs Shower Room.

£190,000

BURNTWOOD
CHASE ROAD

- Deceptively Spacious
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, WC
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Parking
- Gardens

£160,000

NEW

CANNOCK
EARLSWOOD WAY

- Stunning House
- Entrance Hall
- Guests WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway

£164,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
LOOM CLOSE

- 3 Storey End Town
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Reception Rooms
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Garage & Driveway
- Rear Garden

Offers Over £175,000

HEDNESFORD
RUGELEY ROAD

- 3 Bed Family Home
- Viewing Essential
- Through Hallway
- Lounge.
- Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Gardens. Driveway

£220,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
HOBBY WAY

- Ground Floor
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Overlooking
- Nature Reserve
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

£115,000

GREAT WYRLEY
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- Lounge/Diner
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- Bathroom
- Parking
- NO CHAIN

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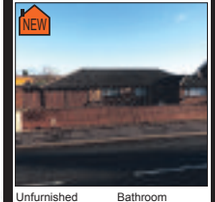

Unfurnished
Detached
Bungalow
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Parking
2 Garages
EPC Rating D

£750 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
EPC Rating D

£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
ANSON ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Conservatory
GCH & DG
Garden
Parking
EPC Rating F

£575 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
MILL CRESCENT

Unfurnished
Town House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating F

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

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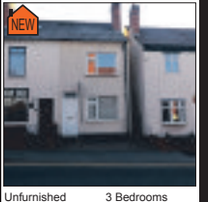
NEWHALL STREET



Unfurnished
Semi Detached House
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
En Suite
GCH & DG
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
CEMETERY ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY

Unfurnished
Semi Detached House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Garage
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
MILL CRESCENT

Unfurnished
Semi Detached House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating E

£535 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
DEAVALL WAY

Unfurnished
Semi Detached House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating D

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating D

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
Second Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

PYE GREEN
BROADHURST GREEN

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Garden
EPC Rating C

£400 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

BRIDGTOWN
UNION STREET

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating E

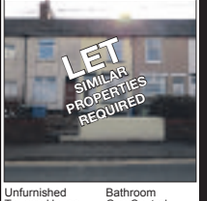
£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CHESLYN HAY
HAYES VIEW DRIVE

Unfurnished
Detached
Bungalow
Lounge
Kitchen
4 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Garage
EPC Rating E

£795 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

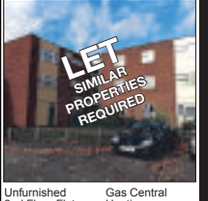
RAWNSLEY
RAWNSLEY ROAD



Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Parking
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

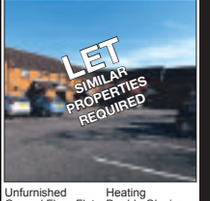
WALSALL
MOORSIDE GARDENS



Unfurnished
2nd Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£450 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
WOODFORD END



Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£375 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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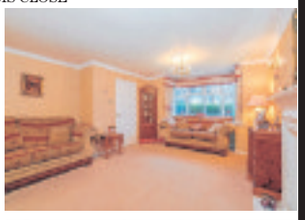

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HEATH HAYES
CHARTERFIELD DRIVE

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• 3 Bed Detached
• Lounge
• Extended Kitchen
• Bathroom
• Garage Conversion
• Garden
• NO CHAIN

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CHESLYN HAY
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• Detached Family Home
• Through Hallway, WC
• Lounge, Dining Room
• Play/study room
• Kitchen, Utility Room
• 4 Bedrooms, En-suite
• Family Bathroom
• Driveway, Garage

£325,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
NEW HORSE ROAD

• Dorma Bungalow
• Lounge/Diner
• Kitchen
• Conservatory
• 3 Bedrooms
• Bathroom
• Garage
• Rear Garden

£189,950

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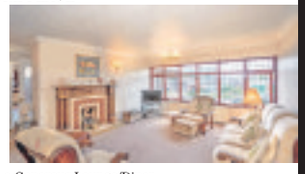
STRATHMORE PLACE



• Executive Det. Bungalow
• 3 Double Bedrooms
• Bathroom, En-Suite
• Refitted Kitchen/diner
• Generous Lounge/Diner
• Double Garage, Driveway
• Landscaped Gardens
• NO CHAIN

£295,000

NEW

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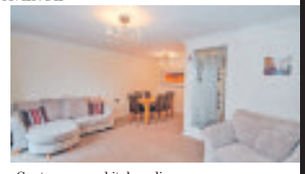
HOLLIES AVENUE



• Entrance Hallway,
• Guest WC,
• Utility Room,
• Storage . drying area.
• Contemporary kitchen diner,
• Spacious L shape lounge diner
• Four Bedooms
• Familey Bathroom. En-Suite

£194,950

NEW

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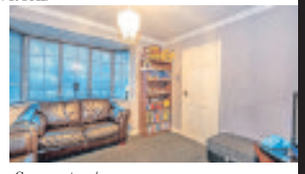
SATURN ROAD



• Semi detached House
• Hallway,
• Lounge Diner,
• Kitchen Diner.
• Conservatory/sun room,
• Three bedrooms
• Bathroom.
• Generous Gardens

£120,000

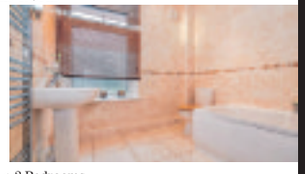
CANNOCK
EARLSWOOD WAY

• Stunning House
• Entrance Hall
• Guests WC
• Lounge
• Kitchen/diner
• 3 Bedrooms
• Bathroom
• Driveway

£164,950

NEW

CANNOCK
STAFFORD ROAD



• Traditional Home
• Breakfast Kitchen
• Conservatory
• Utility Room, WC
• 2 Bedrooms
• Bathroom
• Driveway
• Landscaped Gardens

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- ❖Cloakroom with WC
- ❖Play/Hobby/Games Room❖
- ❖Central Landing❖
- ❖Five Bedrooms❖
- ❖Ensuite Bathroom❖
- ❖Ensuite Shower Room❖
- ❖Family Bathroom❖
- ❖Integral Double Width Garage❖
- ❖Extensive Mature Landscaped Gardens❖
- ❖Inspection Essential❖
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- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (42)

£220,000 FREEHOLD

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- ◆ Communal hall, stairs and landing
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)

£152,950

23 WHITBY WAY, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities Locally

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and separate toilet
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (67)

£146,950 FREEHOLD

14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (81)

£215,000 FREEHOLD

14 KING CUP DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

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- ◆ Open plan kitchen/dining/ family room
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage and extensive off road parking
- ◆ Gardens and school grounds to rear
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (82)

£228,950 FREEHOLD

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- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built-On Garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating (F) 38

£245,000 FREEHOLD

2 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

ATTRACTIVE WELL EQUIPPED PARK HOME ON ESTABLISHED PARK HOME SITE ADJACENT TO CANAL TWO PATH WITHIN A SHORT WALK OF TOWN CENTRE AND WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES

- ◆ Canopy porch
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Utility
- ◆ Gas fired central heating (LPG)
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Allocated parking
- ◆ For persons agred 50 and over

£80,000 LEASEHOLD

GANLLWYD COTTAGE, PARKSIDE LANE, HATHERTON

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED COTTAGE REPUTESDLY DATING FROM THE LATE 18TH CENTURY AND CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED IN THE 1970'S Occupying Well Stocked Grounds Extending to Approx 0.2 Of An Acre Located In Much Sought After Rural Greenbelt Position Close to Cannock Chase

- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Utility Room & cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Extensive off road parking & well stocked gardens
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating F (37)

£399,950 FREEHOLD

67 APPLE WALK, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED ONE BEDROOMED MEWS HOUSE OFFERING EASY TO MAINTAIN ACCOMMODATION OVERLOOKING PUBLIC OPEN SPACE/NATURE RESERVE TO FRONT Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Double glazed enclosed porch
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted kitchen area
- ◆ Bedroom
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Well maintained foregarden
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating C (75)

£99,950 LEASEHOLD

4 MIDDLE HILL BARNS, WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, SHARESHILL

WELL APPOINTED DETACHED BARN CONVERSION OFFERING EXCELLENT FLEXIBLE 4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION Located In Rural Poisition In Greenbelt Farmland Within Easy Reach of Facilites at Cannock Centre

- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Fitted breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Luxury bathroom and ensuite
- ◆ Utility room and cloakroom
- ◆ Intruder alarm and CCTV
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ LPG gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (62)

£439,950 FREEHOLD

139 GREENHEATH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating 70 (C)

£159,950 FREEHOLD

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Located In This Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities

- Entrance lobby and reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Communal grounds
- Allocated parking in secure parking area
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating C (74)

£80,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

TO LET

UNIT 14A MILL PARK, CANNOCK

- ❖WORKSHOP AND OFFICES
- ❖174M² (18,872FT²) OR THEREABOUTS ON 2 FLOORS
- ❖GROUND FLOOR—98M² (1,058FT²) OFFICES & WORKSHOP
- ❖FIRST FLOOR—75.7M² (914FT²) OFFICES

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TO LET

25 BURNTWOOD ROAD, NORTON CANES

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- ❖SOME CAR PARKING AVAILABLE
- ❖205.85M² (2.215FT²) OR THEREABOUTS

£16,500 PER ANNUM

RESIDENTIAL LETTINGS

33 POPLAR LANE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Three bedrooms
- Fully tiled shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (69)

£700 pcm

56 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Entrance hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating & all windows are double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (61)

£525 pcm

8 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Newly installed kitched
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Parking space
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (75)

£600 pcm

FLAT 3 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE, PENKRIDGE

TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Allocated parking
- EPC rating: B (81)

£525 pcm

15 PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance hall
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Guest cloaksroom with WC
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & ensuite bathroom
- Garden & gardens
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers

£600.00pcm

17 PILLATON DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

DETACHED THREE BEDROOM HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (64)

£745 pcm

195A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazed
- Electric heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: F (32)

£395pcm

45 LONG LANE, NEWTOWN

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Sought After Area With Farmland To Rear

- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (66)

£825 pcm

4 LANCASTER HOUSE, HEATH HAYES

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- All windows double glazed
- Sorry No smokers or pets
- DSS considered
- EPC rating C (76)

£395 pcm

44 ROWLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Adjoining Cannock Chase To The Rear

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- DSS considered
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- Three en-suites
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Gardens & double garage
- EPC rating: C (76)

£1350pcm

6 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME SITUATED IN WELL MAINTAINED PARK HOME DEVELOPMENT
Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Shower room
- Bedroom
- Off road parking
- Gardens & decked terrace
- LPG central heating
- Fully double glazed
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers

£435.00 pcm

34 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY

EXTENSIVELY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Cloaksroom with wc
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (46)

£695 pcm

7 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

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- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
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- Communal grounds
- Communal parking
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating D (68)

£495.00 pcm

44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry n pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (71)

£525pcm

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Hatherton Road

- Period Detached House
- Extensively Extended
- Very Well Presented
- Five Bedrooms

£550,000 EPC=D

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Moreton Street

- Detached Bungalow
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage

£170,000 EPC=TBA

Wimblebury

New

Sweetbriar Way

- End Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Utility Area
- Driveway & Garden

£160,000 EPC=TBA

Cannock

New

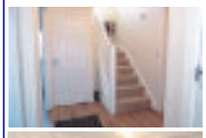
Huntington Terrace Road

- Traditional Terraced
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage & Rear Garden

£115,000 EPC=E

Cannock

New



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- Modern Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Dining Room & Kitchen
- Driveway & Garage

Butters John Bee are delighted to be offering for sale this extremely well presented modern detached house. The house is located on a popular residential development with amenities, schooling and transport links nearby. In brief the well presented accommodation consists of a entrance hall, guest WC, through lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, en-suite, bathroom, driveway, detached single garage and an enclosed rear garden.

£225,000 EPC=B

Penkridge

Chestnut Grove

- Executive Detached House
- Three Reception Rooms
- Conservatory & Study
- Luxury Kitchen

£515,000 EPC=D

Cannock

Pennine Drive

- Extended Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility
- Large Conservatory

£325,000 EPC=E

Cannock

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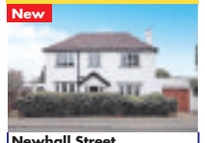

Newhall Street

- Period Detached House
- Highly Sought After Area
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Guest WC

£300,000 EPC=F

Cannock

New

Trentham Close

- Extended Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Guest Wc

£245,000 EPC=D

Huntington

New

Colliers Way

- Modern Three Storey
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms

£195,000 EPC=B

Cannock

Burns Street

- Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Five Bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage

£185,000 EPC=D

Hednesford

Thornhill Road

- Detached Family Home
- Enviable Corner Plot
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Conservatory

£185,000 EPC=D

Hednesford

New

Swallowfields Drive

- Semi Detached House
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory & Garage
- Three Bedrooms

£165,000 EPC=C

Cannock

No Chain

St James Road

- Semi Detached House
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms

£127,500 EPC=E

Cannock

Huntington Terrace Road

- Modern Starter Home
- Modern Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Two Bedrooms

£125,000 EPC=C

Heath Hayes

New

Lawnswood Close

- Two Bedroom Terraced
- Spacious Lounge
- Driveway & Garage
- Private Rear Garden

£125,000 EPC=C

Cannock

No Chain

John Street

- Ideal First Time Buy
- End Terrace House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bedrooms

£125,000 EPC=D

Cannock

New

Grasmere Place

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Lean to
- One Bedroom

£117,500 EPC=D

Huntington

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Violet Close

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- Lounge, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom

£40,000 EPC=B

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- Driveway & Garden

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- Two Bedrooms

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£150,000

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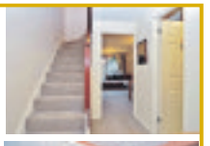

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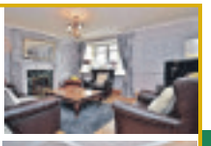

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£149,950

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£150,000

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£165,000

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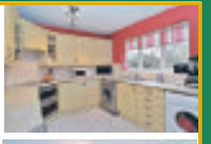

LOWER BIRCHES , RUGELEY

A four bedroomed detached. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Hallway, Guest W.C., Study, Kitchen, Dining Room, Conservatory and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Second Bedroom with Ensuite and Two Further Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. Integral Garage, Driveway with Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - TBC

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NEW

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£117,500

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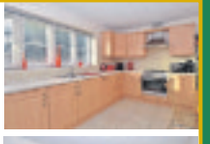

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A four bedroomed detached family home having Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Guest W.C., Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. First Floor Landing, Master with Ensuite Shower Room, Three Further Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. Integral Garage and Driveway. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - C

£239,995

CHURCH STREET RUGELEY

A newly built four bedroom detached family home with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. The accommodation comprising of Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Additional Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Drive with Parking and Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - TBC

£264,995

NO CHAIN

CHURCH STREET, RUGELEY

A semi detached four bedroomed family home positioned on a private road and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Conservatory and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second Floor Master Bedroom and Ensuite. Off Road Parking and Garden. EPC Rating - E

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£105,000

CHASELEY ROAD, ETCHINGHILL

A traditional four bedroomed detached family home. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen, Inner Hallway and Utility Room. First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Shower Room. Garage with Driveway with parking for several vehicles. Large Garden with views over Cannock Chase EPC Rating - E

£430,000

BELLAMOUR LANE COLTON

Character cottage in rural location. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloaks, Lounge with feature fireplace, Dining Room with Inglenook fireplace, Kitchen with range cooker. Two Bedrooms and spacious Bathroom with separate shower cubicle. Gardens to rear. Secure gated off road parking NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
Deposit £1,100

£795 pcm

BRERETON HOUSE BRERETON

Well presented first floor apartment in Grade 2 Georgian Building. Accommodation comprises of Communal Entrance Hall with security access, Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. GCH. Communal Gardens. Garage in Block at Rear. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating - E
DEPOSIT £796

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WOLSELEY ROAD , RUGELEY

A well presented three/four bedroomed extended family home within walking distance to the Town Centre. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Playroom/4th Bedroom and Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage with Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - E

£280,000

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Currently converted to a two bedroom detached home with NO UPWARD CHAIN situated in the sought after location of Etchinghill. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, W.C. Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Utility Room. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms● and Shower Room. Driveway, Car Port and Garden. EPC RATING - D

£225,000

BRERETON MEWS BRERETON

Two bedroom first floor flat comprising of Hall, spacious Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bathroom with shower and Two Double Bedrooms. Allocated Parking. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £760

£550 pcm

GORSTEY LEA BURNTWOOD

Spacious detached property in desirable location, comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Dining Kitchen with some appliances, Guest Cloaks. Four Bedrooms and Bathroom, En-suite to Master bedroom. Garage with driveway parking. Gardens to front and rear. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating tbc
DEPOSIT £1377

£995 pcm

LEES CLOSE BRERETON

A two bedroomed semi detached bungalow offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and a Shower Room. Storage/ Utility/Workshop and Driveway offering Off Road Parking. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - C

£139,950

LOWER BIRCHES WAY RUGELEY

A well presented modern two bedroomed mid terraced property, ideal for a first time buyer or for investment and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Guest W.C. and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Two Allocated Parking Spaces and Garden. EPC Rating - C

£130,000

DOBREE CLOSE COLWICH

A ground floor two bedroom flat in a popular village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden and Two Parking Spaces. EPC RATING - D

£110,000

ST MICHAELS ROAD BRERETON

Semi detached property with Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprising Entrance Hall, spacious Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom with separate Shower Cubicle. Gardens to Front and rear. Garage. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. PETS CONSIDERED. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £760

£560 pcm

YORK CLOSE RUGELEY

Well presented end terraced property comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. GCH and DG. Garden to rear. Two allocated parking spaces. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C
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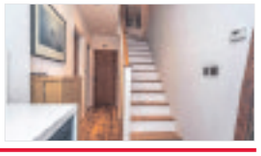
Dartmouth Mews, Dartmouth Road
£129,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom, TWO STOREY, maisonette property located in Cannock Town Centre.

The lower floor of the maisonette briefly comprises of hall with study area, two bedrooms and a bathroom whilst the upstairs has a further open plan lounge/ kitchen.



Pheasant Way, Heath Hayes
£152,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom mid-terraced house, located in Heath Hayes. The property is laid out over three floors:- Ground floor; entrance hallway, kitchen/diner and downstairs WC First floor; family lounge, bedroom 2 Second Floor; bedroom 1, en-suite, bathroom, bedroom 3 Externally there is a garage which is in a separate block. Energy rating: C.

Pye Green Road, Hednesford
£160,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house with LOFT ROOM for an ideal fourth bedroom located on the popular Pye Green Road in Hednesford situated near to fantastic schools, walking distance to transport links and local amenities. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, conservatory with door into cloak room with WC and wash hand basin, door into garage room which is plasterboard throughout, electrics and lighting so could be used as an additional reception room. On the first floor there are three bedrooms with the loft room being accessed through door on landing and fitted bathroom. Externally to the front there is a driveway providing parking for multiple cars and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. This property has the potential for a fourth bedroom in the loft with the correct planning permissions. Energy rating: D.

Stag Crescent, Norton Canes
£165,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Norton Canes, near to Norton Canes Primary & High School, shops and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, family lounge and dining area, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms all of a good size, bathroom with shower, bath, wash hand basin and WC. Externally to the front the property provides parking for multiple vehicles, access into garage through double doors, secure gated side access to the rear and also to the side PVC double glazed door in to the garage. To the rear there is a paved entertaining patio area, separate lawn area with various shrubs and trees amongst. Energy rating: E.

Sutherland Road, Cheslyn Hay
£175,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Cheslyn Hay. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, porch, lounge / diner, kitchen, sun lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: C.

Cannock Road, Cannock
£179,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached property in Cannock. The property comprises of entrance porch, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, and garage. Energy rating: E.

Rowan Road, Shoal Hill
£225,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached property offered with no chain, situated in the area of SHOAL HILL, Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, family lounge, dining room, kitchen/diner, three double bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower, double wash hand basins, bath and WC. Externally to the front there is a block paved driveway providing parking for multiple vehicles, double opening gates which provides access into GARAGE through CAR PORT and access into garden through car port door. To the rear there is a paved entertaining patio area and separate lawn with various trees and shrubs amongst. Energy rating: E.

Elms Lane, Shareshill
£240,000

A well presented three bedroom detached dormer bungalow benefits from no upward chain and is in ready to move into condition. The property benefits internally from entrance hall, ground floor modern shower room, first floor study area, lounge and dining room, fitted kitchen, good size conservatory to rear, two bedrooms to ground floor plus further bedroom to the first floor and a modern refitted bathroom.
Externally the property benefits from both fore & rear gardens of which the rear is a particularly a good size, off road parking and garage. Energy rating: E.

High Street, Cheslyn Hay
£250,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this property in the heart of Cheslyn Hay which is within walking distance to Cheslyn Hay Primary and other schools, amenities and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/ breakfast room, further family room. Upstairs you have four bedrooms and family bathroom which has been recently fitted. To the front of the property you have the benefit of off road parking and a GARAGE whilst to the rear there is a significantly large garden with a lawn and block pave area. Energy Rating: D.

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Wolverhampton Road, Wedges Mills
£280,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this 3 / 4 bedroom property located in Wedges Mills. The property comprises of side entrance, entrance hall, shower room, lounge, study, two kitchens, four bedrooms - one could be used as a further reception room, cloakroom / boot room, downstairs bathroom, utility and WC, garage and driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: D.

Poplar Lane, Cannock
£290,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear entrance hall, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: E..

Fremantle Drive, Heath Hayes
£295,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this five bedroom detached house situated in Wimbelbury. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, family lounge, separate dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room and conservatory. On the first floor the property comprises of a landing, family bathroom with wash hand basin and WC, five bedrooms all of a good size and the master benefiting from having an en-suite and one of the rooms currently used as a study. To the front there is a shared access driveway which provides parking for multiple cars, and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. Energy rating: awaited.

Turf Close, Norton Canes
£335,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached property located in Norton Canes. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen / diner, utility room, conservatory, four bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: D.

Grocott Close, Penkridge
£355,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached property with an added double garage located in Penkridge near to train links, pubs, local shops and schools. The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, study, family lounge with double opening doors into the dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility area, four bedrooms all of a good size with the master having en-suite and all rooms having fitted wardrobes and a recently fitted modern family bathroom. Externally there is a shared access driveway that provides access to private driveway for several cars, large lawn area with various shrubs and access to double garage through up and over doors. To the rear there is a wrap around block paved entertaining patio area, separate lawn area with a mixture of shrubs. Energy rating: C.

Stafford Road, Great Wyrley
£365,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are delighted to market for sale this impressive three bedroom detached beaming with character and beautiful views to the rear situated in the sought after village of Great Wyrley near to schools, transport links, pubs and local amenities. This property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, downstairs WC with wash hand basin, family lounge, dining room with double doors into modern fitted kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms all of a good size with the master bedroom benefitting from having a recently fitted en-suite and windows that open completely out on to a superb elevated decking area, bathroom with an impressive power shower, WC and wash hand basin. To the front there are private electric gates with intercom system, block paved driveway, front and rear gardens with various shrubs, trees and water features, summer house at the bottom of the garden, side access to the rear through secure gate and separate access into garage/workshop through door to rear. Energy rating: D.

Manor Avenue, Cannock
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Connells estate agents have for sale this SIX bedroom detached with FIVE BATHROOMS house located in Cannock Town Centre. This property has been heavily extended and is set over three floors. High quality finished such as underfloor heating (where specified), bi-folding doors in the kitchen/diner, ethernet cables in most rooms and orangery style sky light with feature ambience mood lighting (colour changing technology). The property comprises of the following:- Ground floor - entrance hall, lounge with bay window, 23ft♦ x 23ft♦ kitchen/diner/family room, utility room, downstairs WC, downstairs WC, modern fitted luxury kitchen which is open plan into conservatory, utility room. First floor - four bedrooms, one with en-suite and two with jack and jill bathroom and a further family bathroom. Second floor - two bedrooms both with en-suites. Being a corner plot, externally the property has a driveway suitable for multiple cars as well as a huge rear garden which houses a detached annexe / wood cabin which has a lounge, bar/games room, shower room and a garden room. EPC Rating: awaited

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DETACHED GARAGE	CONSERVATORY
TWO BEDROOMS	AWAITING EPC

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THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

Squirrel Close, Heath Hayes

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UTILITY ROOM	LOUNGE
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

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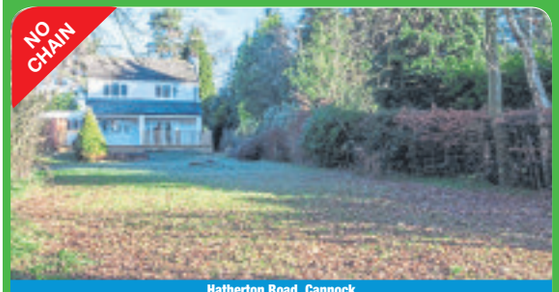
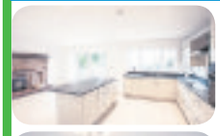
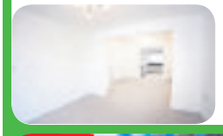


Hatherton Road, Cannock



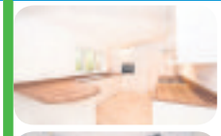


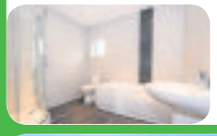
- Delightful Detached Family Home
- Garage & Extensive Gardens
- Stunning Open Plan Kitchen
- Fully Refurbished To High Spec
- Versatile Living Space
- Four Bedrooms
- Delightful Detached Home

£595,000

NO CHAIN

Bideford Way, Cannock





- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Large Living / Dining Room
- Master Bedroom & En-suite
- Fully Refurbished
- Stunning Conversation
- Popular Residential Area
- EPC - D

£250,000

Red Lion Lane, Norton Canes

- Immaculate Four Bed
- Detached Outbuilding
- Ensuite and Family Bathroom
- Stunning Kitchen Diner
- Utility and Downstairs WC
- Secure Parking at Rear

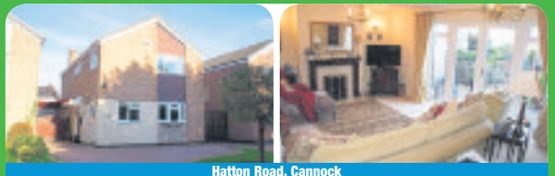
£270,000

NO CHAIN

Meriden Close, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - TBC

£267,500



Hatton Road, Cannock

- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Very Popular Location
- Carport & Garage
- Downstairs WC
- Lounge & Dining Room

£260,000

NO CHAIN

George Street, Hednesford

- Impressive Corner Plot
- Two Bed Detached Bungalow
- Double Garage
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Landscaped Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£235,000

Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive

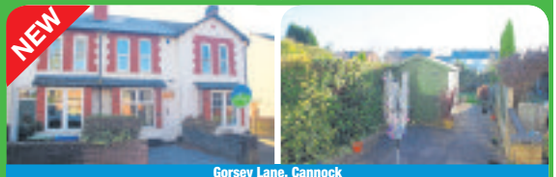
£235,000

Weston Road, Stafford

- Detached House on End Plot
- Very Well Presented
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Detached Garage
- Good Size Front and Rear Gradens
- Must Be Viewed

£190,000

NEW



Gorsey Lane, Cannock

- Traditional Terrace Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen & Downstairs WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- No Upward Chain
- Close To Cannock Town Centre

£169,995

Earlswood Way, Cannock

- Modern Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs WC
- Stylish Kitchen Diner
- Close To Cannock Town
- Two Car Driveway
- Immaculate Condition

£165,000

Charlemonte Close, Hednesford

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Fully Upvc Double Glazing
- Part Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage In Block

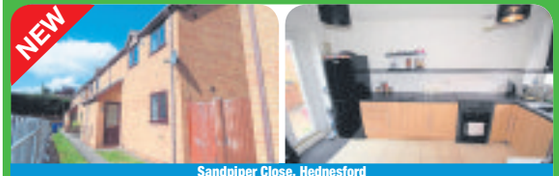
£120,000

Chase Walk, Huntington

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Living Room
- Secure Off Road Parking
- Gas Combi Central Heating
- Fully Upvc Double Glazed
- Recently Rewired
- No Upward Chain

£110,000

NEW



Sandpiper Close, Hednesford

- Two Bedroom End Terrace
- Modern Kitchen/Diner
- Porch & Living Room
- Enclsoed Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking Space
- No Chain Involved
- Double Glazing

£97,500

NEW

Penkridge Court, Cannock

- Modern Ground Floor Apartment
- Desirable Location
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Designated Parking
- No Upward Chain

£84,995

Stafford Street, Heath Hayes

- Mixed Commercial / Residential
- Detached Three Bed Property
- Office / Workshops
- Previous Planning Permission
- Occupying Generous Plot
- EPC - TBC

£275,000

COMMERCIAL

Cannock Road, Chadsmoor

- Affordable Retail Opportunity
- Vacant Ground Floor Premises
- Versatile Accommodation
- Competitively Priced EPC - D
- Popular High Street Location
- Viewing Recommended

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MORETON STREET, CHADSMOOR

- 1 Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS/PETS

£400 pcm

APPLE WALK HEATH HAYES

- 2Bed Town House
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Front Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/PETS

£525 pcm

HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY

- 2 Bed Flat
- Lounge/kitchen
- En-suite & Bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Allocated

£530 pcm

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating B
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

BROADHURST GREEN, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Flat
- Part Furnished
- Lounge, Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/ PETS

£475 pcm

GLENMORE AVENUE, BURNTWOOD

- 2Bed Mid Terrace
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garden
- Energy rating D
- Sorry No DSS/

£575 pcm

HOBBY WAY, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C

£575 pcm

WARREN CLOSE, RAWNSLEY

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Carport & Garage
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

RED LION LANE, NORTON CANES

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen & utility
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden ? Driveway

£575 pcm

GULLICK WAY, BURNTWOOD

- 2 Bed End
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Drive & Garage
- Energy Rating C

£625 pcm

WALNUT DRIVE, CANNOCK

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Carport & Garage
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£675 pcm

SHAKESPEARE ROAD, CHASE TERRACE

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room & WC
- GCH, DG
- Gardens,

£700 pcm

WATLING STREET, BROWNHILLS

Available Soon

- NO DEPOSIT OPTION
- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge, Dining room
- Kitchen, Shower

£575 pcm

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed End
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£595 pcm

BELLBROOK, PENKRIDGE

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Guest WC & Shower Room
- GCH, DG,

£625 pcm

CAPERCAILLIE DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Guest WC
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens, Drive

£750 pcm

CHALFONT COURT, CANNOCK

- A Very Well Presented Modern First Floor Apartment
- Security Intercom Entry System
- Hallway
- Lounge-Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Spacious Bedroom

£84,950 No Chain

ACORN CLOSE , HEATH HAYES

- A Well Presented End Town House
- Hall
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Allocated Parking

OIEO £100,000

BROAD STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Family Lounge, Dining- Sitting Room
- Extended Modern Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Good Sized Garden
- Viewing Essential

OIEO £110,000

SATURN ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens & Ample Parking

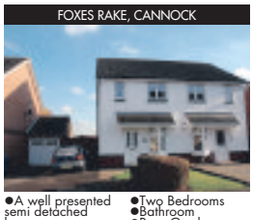
£120,000

BLAKE CLOSE, CANNOCK

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

£125,000 No Chain

FOXES RAKE, CANNOCK



- A well presented semi detached house
- GCH & DG
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£129,950

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Well Presented and Spacious Semi Det House
- Through Hall
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Guest WC & Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms & Family Bathroom

£138,500

ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

Viewing Essential to Appreciate

- A Superbly Presented Semi Det House
- Entrance Hall / Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen
- Delightful Lounge-Diner
- Master Bedroom With Ensuite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£165,000

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£179,995

CATSBRIDGE LANE, FOUR CROSSES

- Semi det house situated in a sought after semi rural location
- Entarnce Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility Area & Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom

£180,000

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

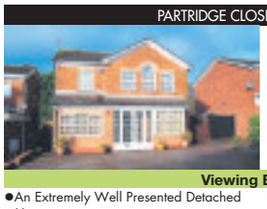
£205,000

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

- An Impressive Detached Bungalow
- Impressive Open Plan Kitchen & Lounge Area
- Utility Room & Guest WC
- Impressive Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens

£249,950 No Chain

PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HUNTINGTON



Viewing Essential

- An Extremely Well Presented Detached Home
- Through Hallway & Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory & Family Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Luxury Re-Fitted Ensuite & Family Bathroom

£264,995

MALLARD WAY, PENKRIDGE

- Superbly Presented Detached Family House
- Through Entrance Hall / Guest WC
- Family Lounge & Study
- Dining Room/ Family Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen & Utility Area
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Ensuite & Bathroom

£310,000

POOL HOUSE, GAILEY

- Superbly Appointed Detached Family Residence
- Open Views Over Gailey Reservoirs
- Two-Storey Annex
- Building Plot with Planning Permission
- Three Ensuite Bedrooms in Main Residence
- Stylish Open Plan Living Area/Kitchen

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NEW & SOLD

BURNTWOOD

Newgate Street

Offered with no onward chain enabling a swift sale this 2 / 3 bedroom end terraced property which occupies a generous corner plot with the added benefit from having a detached garage and parking.

£147,500

NEW

CHASE TERRACE

Spencer Drive

A much improvede & well presented four bedroom detached family home, GCH, DG, spacious hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, study, modern family bathroom, ample ORP, enclosed rear garden, garage

£239,000

NEW & NO ONWARD CHAIN

CHASE TERRACE

Ironstone Road

A well presented two double bedroom detacghed bungalow, GCH, DG, entrance hall, breakfast kitchen, lounge, sitting/dining room, en-suite, refitted bathroom, rear garden.

£199,950

NEW

BURNTWOOD

Nailers Drive

A beautifully presented and spacious four bedroom semi-detached family home, GCH, DG, entrance hallway, spacious fitted kitchen/diner, lounge, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, ample parking to fore

£200,00

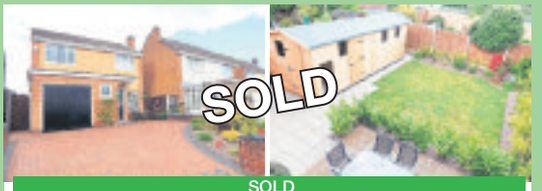
THREE BEDS

HEDNEDSFORD

Heath Gap Road

A well presented three bedroom semi-detached property, GCH, DG,porch, lounge/ dining room, fitted kitchen, guest W.C, family bathroom, extensive rear garden

£135,000



SOLD

BURNTWOOD

Lawnswood Avenue

A immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home, GCH, DH,hallway, guest W.C, lounge/diner, dining room, fitted kitchen, re-fitted bathroom, garage space, enclosed rear garden, ample off road parking

£235,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

BURNTWOOD

Queens Courrt

• Offered with no onward chain this re-furbished two bedroom ground floor apartment. Re-fitted kitchen & bathroom, parking, spacious lounge, an ideal first time buy.

£89,950

TWO BEDS

CHASETOWN

Cottage Close

A two bedroom 1st floor maisonette with a private garden and garage, GCH, DG, Hallway, utility area, breakfast kitchen, lounge, two double bedrooms, bathroom, garage in a separate block, private rear garden.

£105,000

MUST BE VIEWED

RAWNSLEY

Littleworth Road

A deceptively spacious three/four bedroom detached property, GCH, DG, entrance hallway, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, fitted kitchen, three double bedrooms, bathroom with Jacuzzi bath, detached garage with pit & electric doors, rear garden, ORP

£275,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

NORTON CANES

Wallace Close

A well appointed three bedroom detached property offered with no onward chain. GCH, DG, porch, hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garden, garage.

£175,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

NORTON CANES

Wallace Close

A delightful 3 bedroom detached family home. GCH, DG, porch, hall, spacious lounge/dining room. kitchen, conservatory, detached garage, rear garden & no onward chain.

£179,950

NEW

RUGELEY

Wells Close

A beautifully presented three bedroom detached house, GCH, DG, hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden, garage & ORP, beautiful views.

£795.00 PCM

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CANNOCK

Stafford Road

A traditional two bedroom end terraced property, GCH, DG, fitted kitchen, lounge, dining room, bathroom, rear garden and off road parking.

£550 PCM

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Cottage Lane

A modern style first floor one bedroom flat. E7 heating, double glazing, open plan kitchen & lounge, bathroom, double bedroom, parking. No pets/smokers or DSS, £575 Deposit. Available now.

£475 PCM

NEW

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High Street

A re-furbished one bedroom loft apartment, DG, lounhe, breakfast kitchen, spacious bathroom, useful storage cupboards, availiable now.

£350 PCM

AVAILBLE NOW

CHASETOWN

High Stret

A two bedroom property with parking to the rear, electric heating, DG,lounge, downstairs W.C, open plan kitchen, bathroom, rear communal area, availiable now.

£450 PCM

NEW

RAWNSLEY

Middleway

A Modern Style Two Bedroom Mid-Town House, GCH, Dg, Hallway, Guest W.C, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Bathroom, Fore & Rear Gardens & Off Road Parking, Sorry No Pets Smokers Or Dhss

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Couple find perfect home thanks to Kier

Kier Living

One of the first families to move to the new Brownhills housing development have praised their new home.

The Espley-Atkin's moved onto Kier Living's Waterside Place development in November when their house was one of the first to be completed on the site.

Recently married in August, the couple purchased the home to start a fresh new chapter in their lives.

Darren, aged 31, a sales executive who works in Reading, and Maria, 41, a receptionist in Cannock, immediately fell in love with the property upon visiting the development for the very first time.

Extras

"We looked at a number of new build developments in the area, but nothing compared to what Kier Living had to offer," said Darren.

"Our home comes complete with many additional extras such as washer/dryer and fridge freezer for example – items that other builders charge for.

"The development is also ideally located for us with great commuter links making it easier to get to work and has plenty of local amenities. We are especially looking forward to taking our pet Labrador Jazz for many walks alongside the nearby canal.

"The idea of decorating our own blank canvas really excites us and we can't wait to make this house our home."

Darren and Maria purchased a 'Fairbourne' three-storey home for them and their children Brad aged 18 and Caitli, 16.

They particularly liked the split level design of the living space, meaning they could have their own space on the top floor while the children enjoyed the sanctuary of their own bedrooms.

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Having previously rented a property, the couple used the Government-backed Help to Buy scheme to make their move happen.

The initiative allows buyers to purchase a property with only a five per cent deposit and helps to fund up to 20 per cent of the purchase price in the form of an equity loan.

Darren added: "One of the many benefits with moving to a new build is that our monthly outgoings will be considerably less.

"For a start our monthly mortgage is more or less half of what we used to pay in rent.

"We'll also benefit from reduced heating bills because of the energy efficient build.

"We are very pleased with the design and quality of the house.

"However, if we need any assistance we are comforted in the knowledge that there is a ten year home warranty and a two year Kier Living customer care programme in place.

"The service we received from Sam the sales advisor was excellent and we had good communication throughout.

"She was quick and responsive and all of the information about Help to Buy was easy to understand.

"It was stress free too as the mortgage adviser dealt with everything on our behalf.

"We can't praise the staff at Kier Living enough and would highly recommend them to anyone looking to buy a brand new home."

Waterside Place is a stunning development of two, three and four-bedroom homes with prices starting from £133,995.

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CGI of The Rableigh 3 bedroom home. Elevations and finishes may vary. *Help to Buy is available upon request subject to terms and conditions.

Quality residences from Cameron Homes

Cameron Homes

Cameron Homes, which is amongst the Midlands' most respected building companies, is creating some superb developments at locations throughout the region in 2017.

High quality residences, all carefully designed and finished to an exacting specification, are being provided by the long-established Staffordshire-based building company.

This means that the new year could mean a fresh start in a brand new Cameron home for many people – and by using one of the company's most successful sales incentives, the move can be a hassle-free reality.

Andy Gough, Sales and Marketing Director of Chasetown-based Cameron, explains that the part exchange scheme is a popular way to purchase a new property.

"Part exchange, where we buy a customers' existing home, worked very well in 2016, with many people taking advantage of it, and we expect it to be just as popular in the coming 12 months. As a family-owned company we pride ourselves not only on the high standard of our properties but also on our excellent customer care and we have a range of other ways to help, such as offering financial advice and guidance," he says.

Cameron has several established developments where the part exchange incentive is available. At Keepers Cross, in Tividale, the company is providing a contemporary collection of 54 two, three and four bedroom homes with excellent links to Dudley, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Customers can choose from 14 stylish layouts, many of which offer garages and en suite master bedrooms.

Bourne Fields is Cameron's flagship development, featuring an elegant collection of 14 remarkable five-bedroom residences at an enviable address.

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With a premium specification and a desirable location between Aldridge and Streetly, Bourne Fields is the epitome of luxury living. All 14 homes feature everything you'd expect from a showcase Cameron collection, including a stunning kitchen, a sumptuous master suite and spectacular open plan living spaces.

Coney Lodge, in Burntwood, is set back from Rugeley Road and is hidden by mature trees. This is a select development of just eight beautifully-designed three and four-bedroom residences. The collection borders acres of countryside, on the edge of Gentleshaw Common.

At Tatenhill, Staffordshire, Oakhurst is a collection of just eight beautifully designed four-bedroom homes, located approximately three miles from Burton upon Trent. These exclusive residences will each feature an integral garage, a spacious master suite and a modern open plan kitchen with bi-fold doors.

Lakeside Apartments, at Barton under Needwood, is a development of 54 two-bedroom apartments offering the highest-standard of specification, security and style. With restaurants, bars and delicatessens on one side and woodland, lakes and towpaths on the other, life at Lakeside Apartments allows you to explore a new side of life every day. The first phase of apartments is anticipated to go on sale early 2017. Cameron's new development in Hill Ridware, a small village near Rugeley, will be called Austen Grange. There will be two phases of properties, with the first going on sale in May, but a total of 48 houses will be provided, including affordable homes. The designs will range from two to five bedroom homes, including detached and semi detached styles. This is set to be one of the company's busiest years and it will be an exciting one too for the many people who move into a new Cameron property.

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The company also works closely with Stourbridge College to provide a Modern Apprenticeship placement.

Tatton Hall Homes Limited recently relocated their office to Deansgate, 62-70, Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton

The Management Team have a thorough knowledge of the areas in which they operate. The importance of purchasing sites within the proximity of good schools is a key feature in the company strategy.

Sites at Broadleaf Gardens, WV3, and Hill Croft Gardens, WV4, are both within easy reach of The Royal School, Wolverhampton. Previously an independent, private school, this is now a state school. The Hill Croft Gardens development, Warstones, was a prize winner in the 2016 'Built in Quality Awards' as a result of a nomination by Wolverhampton City Council. The site has only 2 properties remaining.

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The Broadleaf Gardens development, Birches Barn Road, WV3 7BU, is already selling well and Show Homes will be open for viewing in March. Managing Director, Carl Tatton, understands the need for new homes in the area. He is especially keen to promote the Government-backed Help to Buy Scheme advising that the scheme can make a house purchase a reality.

Carl says: "Buying a property can be cheaper than renting. Recent press articles may have given the impression that the Help to Buy Scheme has ended. Only the Mortgage Guarantee element has ceased. The normal Help to Buy Equity Loan remains available at present. With the scheme, only 5% deposit is needed to purchase any of our properties. This is the lowest deposit available. Importantly, the scheme is available to first time buyers as well as those who own a property."

Carl adds: "New homes have much to offer. Improved building regulations and modern materials mean higher building specifications than in older properties and cheaper energy costs. With standard security features, two year appliance warranties, no time consuming maintenance or repairs and 10-year structural warranties a new home is a sensible investment".

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Suzuki's rather surprising package

By Ian Donaldson

SUZUKI IGNIS, FROM £11,499

Should you find yourself at a motor dealers' convention (lucky you), the people with the widest grins might well be selling new Suzukis.

Last year UK new car sales hit a record high overall and so did Suzuki, with more than 38,000 leaving their showrooms.

That's good, but better – much better – is the 59 per cent hike in profits made by the dealers selling them.

Think of that as a pay rise so big you start to dream about holiday homes near a sunny golf course or that round the world cruise you've been promising yourself when things turned better.

And now comes a new Suzuki so on trend with what the car market demands right now that the lucky dealers might already be mentally upgrading their cruise cabins to commodore status.

The Ignis is a small family hatch disguised with hints of beefy off-roader, or what the trade calls a crossover. And car buyers can't get enough of this style at the moment, witnessed by an avalanche of new models.

Building it a bit taller than normal means more room inside, especially in the back, where a six-footer can sit comfortably behind his twin brother. There can't be a more spacious car on the market that fills the modest shadow cast by the Ignis.

As well as presenting as a crossover, the Ignis approaches that other holy grail of current car design – lightness. In its most basic form the car turns a featherweight 810kg on the scales, with predictably good results on the economy front.

All five versions of the Ignis, with prices from £9,999 for the SZ3, use the same 1.2 litre 90 horsepower petrol engine, although a couple

The Ignis is very spacious

are available with a modest boost from a small generator helping the car during acceleration.

The extra battery sits under the front passenger seat and this SHVS version (from £12,999) cuts the CO2 figure from 104g/km to 97g/km and hikes the official average fuel consumption from 61.4mpg to 65.7mpg.

You can have a semi-automatic Ignis, with an electric motor working the clutch, for an extra £800 and there's a top version, costing £13,999 and combining the small electric boost with a part-time 4x4 system aimed at the sort of Suzuki owner who lives down a country lane and needs to get to work on a snowy morning.

Every Ignis gets air conditioning, DAB radio with Bluetooth and front electric windows. They won't sell many of those, with likely most popular Ignis the next grade up.

This £11,499 SZ-T adds satellite navigation, rear view camera, alloy wheels, roof rails and plastic wheel arch extensions and LED headlamps. It also has twin rear seats that can slide forward to boost boot room, or back to let the lanky of leg relax.

A new family hatch disguised with hints of beefy off-roader, or what the trade calls crossover

The SZ5 (£12,999) adds dual air conditioning, keyless entry and start and rear electric windows. It is also fitted with camera brake support that spots a vehicle or people in the road ahead and will brake for you if necessary.

This system brings a top five star safety rating in the European tests, without it the Ignis scores a less impressive three stars.

But back to what's likely to attract a buyer to an Ignis in the first place, those looks. For maximum effect you'll need another £465 for metallic paint, or £650 for contrasting metallic black on the roof. Meanly, there is only one no-cost paint finish, a bold red.

The interior is at least as striking as the bodywork outside. It's obviously built down to a cost but attention to detail in matching surfaces and keeping panel gaps tight in these Japanese built machines is pleasingly obvious.

Out on the road in an SZ-T version the lightness of this newcomer translates into a car that feels livelier than you might expect from its unspectacular power output. There's a nimble way it reacts to steering input too, making the Ignis feel keen to please in the manner of an enthusiastic puppy.

Driven with some verve it showed 57mpg on the handsomely readable instrument panel; lifting off a bit had the numbers climbing to 61.7mpg.

That's better than Suzuki showed in the official test – which makes it an event as rare as a television talent show host becoming president of the United States.

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Breakthrough car from Peugeot

By Ian Donaldson

PEUGEOT 3008, FROM £21,795

WATCH out Audi – your reign as the world's best automotive interior designers at a sensible price is under threat, from a perhaps unlikely source.

You just need to slip into the driver's seat of the new 3008 SUV from Peugeot to experience a bit of a revolution in looks and quality from this French car maker.

First, you'll spot the tiny but sculptured and leather wrapped steering wheel, with flattened top and bottom for a near grand prix cockpit feel.

Then comes the style clincher, easily read over that little wheel's upper edge, in the shape of a high definition screen stretching more than 30 centimetres and ready to change its looks at your bidding.

Glance a little to your left and there sits, in a swanky alloy look frame, a dead ringer for an iPad, poised to tell you all about the heating controls or sound system or where you're going on the map, if the 3008 you've chosen has sat nav on board. Peugeot calls this high tech fest an i-Cockpit and it comes as standard on every new 3008 SUV sold in the UK, starting at £21,795 – about £600 more than the outgoing model, but worth it.

The new 3008 SUV (and those three letters are important) makes its SUV credentials obvious with extra length, height and ground clearance over the old non-SUV 3008. Big headlights and an imposing radiator grille add to the newcomer's tough street stance.

As well as an instrument panel you can personalise with different looks – favouring a huge scrolling map if you're navigating somewhere, or putting the digital speed stage centre, for instance – there are delicious design touches everywhere. Take a row of push-keys to summon functions like radio, heating or navigation on the central screen. They might not be made of metal but they feel good enough for a Bentley, let alone an Audi.

There's plenty of room in the boot and for a spare wheel

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The front and rear wheels are further apart than previously, which ought to be good new for room in the rear. Well, not so good in fact. There's plenty of headroom but a six-footer will ask for the seats ahead to be pushed a bit forward for a bit more knee room. Better news in the boot, which has increased to 591 litres (1,670 with rear seats folded) and there is still room for a narrow emergency spare wheel.

As the range builds there will be a choice of 1.2 and 1.6 litre petrol and 1.6 and 2.0 litre diesels with auto transmissions an option on both fuels and likely to take a third of sales.

There are four trim levels – Active, Allure, GT Line and GT and all of them have a suite of safety systems that include active brake safety that will put the brakes on if it senses a collision and you don't react.

Out for a drive in with a 120hp diesel (likely best seller) doing the work, its quietness at any speed impressed and the little steering wheel felt instantly comfortable, dispelling a long held prejudice that the only shape was round...

There was enough punch to overtake a particularly meandering selection of drivers and journey's end showed 50.4mpg on the high clarity dash, so it's decently economical.

It may just be the game changer Peugeot so badly wants to build.

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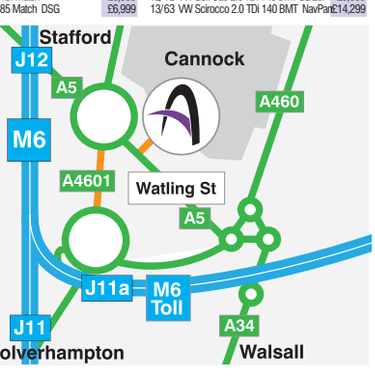

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Special edition to mark the last 100 current Civic Type R

Black Edition is expected to be a collector's item

Honda has unveiled a Black Edition of the Civic Type R. Commemorating the last of the current Civic Type R to come off the production line, this version is limited to the last 100 cars to come off the production line and Honda is expecting the version to become a true collector's item.

Already on their way to dealers across the country, the Civic Type R Black Edition features a predominantly black interior with red accents which add to the premium cabin feel, whilst the exterior is differentiated from the standard version by red rear wing end plates on the spoiler.

With production of the current Civic Type R at Honda's factory in Swindon now finished, the factory is gearing up for the next generation Civic, which goes on sale in March, and the new Civic Type R version, which is expected to hit retail forecourts in the latter half of this year.

With pricing based on the existing GT model at £32,300 OTR, Honda is expecting the Civic Type R Black Edition to sell out quickly.

Billed as a 'race car for the road', the British built Honda Civic Type R is powered by the most extreme and high-performing Type R engine ever built.

"The direct-injected turbocharged 2.0 litre VTEC TURBO petrol engine delivers outstanding power, torque and performance figures for the front-wheel drive hot hatch segment.

"Peak power output is 310 PS at 6,500 rpm, and peak torque is 400 Nm at 2,500 rpm – both higher than for any previous Honda Civic Type R model.

Phil Webb, head of cars at Honda UK, commented: "There are only going to be 2,500 of the current Civic Type Rs on UK roads, so the car is going to be pretty special as it is – but with the addition of this special limited run of 100 Black Editions to the product line up and owners will have a real collectors piece on their hands."

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New generation Hyundai i30 prices start at £16,995

Hyundai Motor UK has officially announced the pricing and specification of the new generation i30, which will go on sale in the UK on March 1.

New generation i30 offers a high level of standard safety equipment, with lane departure warning system, forward collision warning system, lane keep assist, autonomous emergency braking and hill start assist control featuring on all models. Standard technology and connectivity equipment also feature with all new generation i30's benefitting from DAB and Bluetooth regardless of trim level.

Prices will start from £16,995 for the i30 S 1.0 T-GDi 120PS 6 speed manual, which offers 15" alloy wheels, LED daytime running lights, DAB radio with USB and aux connections, Bluetooth with steering wheel controls, electric front and rear windows and driver seat height adjustment.

From £18,695, the i30 SE 1.0 T-GDi 120PS manual builds on S trim level by offering customers additional equipment including 16" alloy wheels, front fog lamps, DAB radio with 5" LCD touchscreen, rear parking assist system, rear view camera and leather steering wheel. SE specification is also available with a 1.6 CRDi 110PS, with 6 speed manual transmission.

Option

Moving further up the range, the i30 SE Nav 1.0 T-GDi 120PS Manual at £19,645 continues with SE specification and adds additional enhancements to technology and connectivity, with integrated satellite navigation with 8" LCD touchscreen, Bluetooth with voice recognition and wireless phone charging.

As a £1,000 customer option, SE Nav specification is available with the visibility pack, which comprises dual LED headlights, 17" alloy wheels and dual zone climate control.

SE Nav specification is also the first trim level to introduce the new 1.4 T-GDi 140PS engine, available with a 6 speed manual, or 7 speed DCT transmission, whilst the 1.6 CRDi 110PS engine, available with either a 6 speed manual or 7 speed DCT transmission, is an additional customer option.

Raising the specification further, Premium starts at £22,195 for the 1.4 T-GDi 140PS manual. Premium trim includes 17" alloy wheels with uprated Michelin tyres, dual zone climate control, electronic parking brake with auto hold function, privacy glass and heated front seats with artificial leather/cloth seat facings.

Drivers also benefit from an electrically adjustable seat, a supervision instrument cluster with 4.2" display and driver assistance systems including front and rear parking assist system and blind spot detection system with rear cross traffic alert and LED front headlights and rear combination lights. At Premium trim level, the 1.4 T-GDi with a 7 speed DC transmission and a 1.6 CRDi 110PS engine with either a 6 speed manual or 7 speed DCT transmission are also available.

The top of the range Premium SE enters the range at £23,495 for the 1.4 T-GDi 140PS manual, adding panoramic sunroof, leather seat facings and a heated steering wheel to the Premium specification. Premium SE is also available with the six speed manual, seven speed DCT transmission, with either the 1.4 T-GDi 140PS or 1.6 CRDi 110PS.

New generation i30 is available in a choice of 11 colours, with a new colour Engine Red joining Polar White as solid finish, no cost options. Stargazing Blue, Demitasse Brown, Intense Copper, Fiery Red, Platinum Silver, Micron Gray, Phantom Black, Ara Blue and White Sand are all metallic or pearl paint finishes, a £585 option.

New generation i30 has a choice of 11 colours

Tony Whitehorn, president and CEO Hyundai Motor UK said: "The i30 has played a significant part in Hyundai's transformation over the past decade; with over 117,000 i30's sold in the UK since the first generation was launched in 2007.

"The second generation i30 achieved nearly 70,000 sales and we have solid expectations for the new generation i30.

"The original i30 was the model that sowed the seeds of our growth and we are confident that the new generation i30 will again bring new customers into the brand with its great looks, technology and confident dynamic abilities."

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Stylish new special edition

Nissan has revealed a new special edition of its Navara pick-up truck at the Brussels Motor Show.

Dubbed Trek -1° – a reference to the longitude of the Navarre desert in Spain – the newcomer differentiates itself from the top-spec Tekna with a range of extra equipment.

Only 1,500 examples will be built, each featuring black sport styling bars behind the cab, two forward-facing LED spot lamps and black side bars. A new load bed cover and black 18-inch alloy wheels round off the external modifications. Customers will be able to choose from two colours – Pearlescent White and Black Metallic – as well as two power outputs.

Extra equipment on latest Navara

Upgrade

The basic engine is a 158bhp version of the Navara's 2.3-litre diesel motor, but there is an option to upgrade to a more potent 187bhp variant, which is also offered with a seven-speed automatic transmission.

Inside, the Trek-1° specification is based on the range-topping Tekna model, which comes with satellite navigation, rear parking sensors and a 360-degree parking camera, although several optional extras are available.

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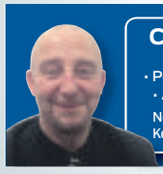

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The ST-Line Kuga has a full bodystyling kit and sports suspension

Mid-life makeover does the business for Kuga

By Laura Thomson

Ford launched its popular Kuga back in 2008 and it saw success in the small SUV market.

The second-generation Kuga made its debut in 2013, The model has now been given a mid-life makeover, with exciting new technologies and styling.

We tested the ST-Line Kuga, which costs £29,554 on the road. This model sits second highest on the spec list, below the luxury Vignale trim. These trims are both available for the first time on the new Kuga.

With a full bodystyling kit and sports suspension, the ST-Line is aimed at drivers wanting a sportier feel from their Kuga. Coupled with the 2.0-litre, 178bhp TDCi engine, this is as close a performance-orientated SUV as Ford gets.

The Kuga's looks are bold and sporty, but it lacks the rugged appeal of other SUVs in its class, such as the Jeep Renegade.

Immediately noticeable is the new, trapezoid grille, which is flanked by raked and intricate LED headlights and stylish new fog lights. Redesigned alloy rims also feature across the range, while two new colour options of Guard Grey and Copper Pulse are offered.

There is a new trapezoid grilled

The ST-Line benefits from 18-inch dark alloy wheels and a full body styling kit, which includes a lower centre silver skid plate and black-finish roof rails, headlight bezels, side wind vents and door frame mouldings.

In the cabin, convenience is key, with an electronic parking brake replacing the previous, manual lever, and simplified, easily distinguishable buttons and switches introduced.

This convenience theme is seen elsewhere on the car, with a hands-free liftgate now coming as standard.

Heated ST-Line sports seats offer multi-way adjustability, as does the steering wheel.

In the Kuga, rear passengers are afforded comfortable, spacious seats, with more than adequate head, leg and hip room. The front, meanwhile, is neither uncomfortable nor cramped, and theaforementioned redesigned switches go a long way to simplify the dash.

A Thatcham category 1 alarm comes as standard on all models, as does Ford's Intelligent Protection System and a selection of airbags in the front and rear.

We tested the Kuga in the extremes of the Arctic Circle, and while not its usual stomping ground, the car managed surprisingly well. Ice, both visible and black, proved no issue for Ford's intuitive All-Wheel Drive system, which sent varying torque to each wheel to correct any skids. ABS kicked in under heavy braking on the slippery stuff, and succeeded in bringing the vehicle to a safe, controlled stop on more than one occasion. The sports suspension of the ST-Line gives the car a firm yet agile feel, and as such it dealt well with body roll.

At motorway speeds, the Kuga was comfortable and the steering remained well weighted. Road and wind noise is present, because of the bulky front end. However, it is not loud enough to prove irritating.

Through its slick manual gearbox, the Kuga can accelerate to 60mph in nine seconds, with a top speed of 126mph. Throughout the rev range, the 178bhp guise boasts plentiful power, thanks to the 400Nm of torque.

Ford's new SYNC3 system is the upgrade the brand is shouting about, and it's easy to see why. Housed on an aesthetically appealing centre console, the system is more responsive than the previous '2' guise, and the eight-inch screen boasts more clarity, too. SYNC3 is compatible with both Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, allowing extra connectivity to the car. The driver can control and adjust every aspect of the SYNC3 media system via voice commands.

Ford's adaptive front lighting signature has made a debut on the Kuga, monitoring and adjusting the vehicle's beam according to a number of conditions, including the vehicle's speed, steering angle and distance from a vehicle in front. A weather-dependent lighting mode also features, automatically adjusting the beam to help the driver spot roadside hazards in heavy rain.

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Sportage giving rivals run for their money

The well-conceived Sportage has put the Korean car maker on the map in Europe

By James Parker

It has a lot of names and definitions, but there's no denying that the crossover, or compact SUV type of car is taking the market by storm – nearly every manufacturer now has an entry in this highly competitive sector.

Yet it's interesting to note that one of the first was the Sportage, from the then bit player Kia: a smaller, cheap and cheerful alternative to the traditional 4x4s of its day.

With its chief rival then the Suzuki Vitara – it now has many more – the well-conceived Sportage has put the Korean car maker on the map in Europe.

The fourth generation Sportage is now in Britain's showrooms. Its rather curvy styling has evolved, it has a choice of three more efficient engines, more in-car and safety technology more refinement and a new marketing philosphy – all aimed at achieving Kia's rather modest ambition to break the 80,000 sales barrier this year.

Prices start at a competitive £17,995 for the entry level model rising to £31,645 for the new flagship model, the First Edition. This gets the new and most powerful engine, a 2.0 litre, 182bhp turbo diesel, six-speed automatic transmission and a unique luxury specification including features such as a power-operated tailgate.

Design reduces drag and wind noise

A £30,000 plus price tag for a Sportage? That might surprise those only familiar with the early, rather basic (but still capable) 1.3 litre petrol versions

But this is a very different vehicle and it seems Kia is dipping its toe in the water following its experience with the larger Sorento, where the £40,000 flagship is actually the UK's biggest selling version.

The new Sportage, like the third generation car, is an evolution of the softer, slightly sporty profile of a modern crossover rather than the chunky 4x4 styling of its ancestor in keeping with customer tastes and the competition. On a practical level, it also reduces drag and wind noise. It's also larger which means significantly more room in the cabin, particularly for rear seat passengers.

There are three engine options – all of which use less fuel and produce less CO2 than their predecessors – and the option of two and four wheel drive options.

Four wheel drive versions have a new 'advanced traction cornering control', which monitors speed, steering angle and throttle input, and distributes power between the left and right wheels to maximise stability. This is in addition to now standard systems such as stability control. For those who venture off-road, there's a hill descent system which automatic keeps speed down to 5mph in slippery conditions.

The new Sportage is a nice car to drive. All three engines are quiet and refined, road and wind noise levels are low and a new steering and suspension set-up make it feel light and responsive. Tackling some tight and twisty back roads on the test routes, it felt as easy and positive to drive as a typical family hatchback, something which cannot be said of some of its rivals.

As well as its improved driveability and refinement, a hallmark of the new Sportage is the amount of new technology and equipment. All except base models have a centre console with touchscreen display and control centre, including driver information, audio and connectivity systems and navigation.

All models have alloy wheels, LED daytime running lights, cornerng lights, electric windows and mirrors, trailer stability, hill start assist, air conditioning and an audio and Bluetooth system with voice control.

It is roomier, more capable with a new range of more efficient engines and equipped with some of the latest technology. Given the Sportage's track record – to say nothing of Kia's impressive seven-year warranty package – it's certain to continue giving rivals a run for their money.

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Peerless design and engineering

Two minutes is not long, but it's enough time for Land Rover to celebrate a motoring icon. The Range Rover has pioneered design, refinement and engineering innovation since 1970 and Land Rover has showcased the evolution of its luxury SUV through four generations with a unique animation lasting only 120 seconds.

The specially commissioned visual has been created to mark key dates in the history of the legendary SUV, as production of the original two-door model ended 23 years ago this month and SVAutobiography Dynamic goes on sale around the world.

The detailed animation shows how today's Range Rover retains many of the design hallmarks established by the 1970 Classic and culminates with the latest derivative, SVAutobiography Dynamic.

Range Rover has evolved into the world's most elegant and sophisticated SUV, achieving more than one million sales (1.7 million to date) along the way.

Trademark features including its 'floating' roof, distinctive clamshell bonnet, continuous belt line and practical split tailgate all pay homage to the groundbreaking original.

The Range Rover story begins with the 26 pre-production models, which wore Velar badges in an effort to hide its identity – velare means to 'veil' or 'cover' in Italian – made up of letters from the 'ALVIS' and 'ROVER' badges that usually adorn the front and rear of a vehicle. Next comes the timeless Range Rover Classic two-door as the images showcase successive generations, finishing with the most powerful derivative, the 550PS SVAutobiography Dynamic built by Jaguar Land Rover's Special Vehicle Operations (SVO) division.

Gerry McGovern, Land Rover chief design officer, said: "Range Rover has, over time, achieved iconic design status through a progressive evolution of its unique DNA, culminating in a vehicle of peerless distinction. From its sense of evolution and sophisticated sensibilities inherent in its interior design to its understated yet powerful exterior proportions, Range Rover stands alone. There's simply nothing else like it."

When it was first launched in 1970, Range Rover was one of the first vehicles to deliver permanent all-wheel drive while many others were still selectable. In 1971 the original model was cited as 'an exemplary work of industrial design' when it became the first vehicle to be displayed at the world-famous Louvre museum in Paris and it has been at the forefront of design and engineering innovation ever since.

The four-door variant was introduced in 1981, quickly followed by the first application of an automatic transmission in Range Rover in 1982. In 1989 the luxury SUV was the first 4x4 to be fitted with anti-lock brakes (ABS) and in 1992 it became the first SUV in the world fitted with electronic traction control and automatic electronic air suspension.

Terrains

The engineering firsts continued in 2012, when Range Rover was the world's first all-aluminium SUV. More recently, in 2014, the luxury SUV was the first vehicle to employ Land Rover's advanced semi-autonomous All-Terrain Progress Control (ATPC) technology, effectively an off-road cruise control for autonomous control of speed on all terrains.

The last model included in the animation, the SVAutobiography Dynamic, shares its V8 engine with the acclaimed Range Rover Sport SVR and is specially calibrated to produce 680Nm of torque and 0-100km/h (0-62mph) in only 5.4 seconds. Interior enhancements including diamond quilted leather upholstery with contrast stitching deliver elevated refinement and desirability.

Since its launch 48 years ago Land Rover's flagship has achieved more than 1,700,000 sales across the globe and earned a reputation as the ultimate luxury all-terrain vehicle.

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2017 Range Rover SVAutobiography Dynamic

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Jill Seymour, UKIP Transport spokesman

UKIP Transport spokesman Jill Seymour has slammed 'crazy' European Union rules which mean uninsured motorists must be given compensation if their cars are damaged.

The Government has admitted it is powerless to prevent the regulations from being introduced in the UK, as long as Britain remains part of the EU.

"This bureaucratic madness is a perfect reminder of why we must not delay our departure from the morally bankrupt EU for a moment longer," said Mrs Seymour.

"It is yet another piece of crazy, nonsensical legislation being imposed on the UK, which flies in the face of common sense and penalises the ordinary, law abiding man and woman on the street.

"The sooner we have the power to control all of our own laws, and dictate our own trading regulations, the better."

The new law is due to take effect in the UK from March, and Mrs Seymour said she fears it may increase motor insurance premiums and claims.

"This scheme is using the money of honest premium-paying motorists to compensate those who are blatantly breaking the law – everything about it is totally wrong."

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling has said that the EU will fine the UK if the new ruling is not applied to British motorists.

Mrs Seymour added: "We need to invoke Article 50 and get ourselves out of this European Union madhouse as quickly as possible.

"The EU seems hell-bent on causing as much trouble for the UK as it possibly can, and while it still has its tentacles into us, there is nothing we can do to stop it."

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Bernard

At rest, December 22, 2016, aged 83 years.

Pat and Family wish to thank Friends and Family for cards, love and support following our recent Bereavement.

Thankyou to all that attended Bernard's Funeral.

Special thanks to Father Peter Stonier of St Joseph's and Philip Emery Funeral Directors.

Donations raised will be split between Air Ambulance and British Heart Foundation.

A light from our household is gone, a voice we loved is stilled, a place is vacant in our hearts, which never can be filled.

Loving Wife Pat and Family.

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Norman

Sylvia, Angela and Byron would like to thank Friends and Family for attending the Funeral and for the beautiful flowers and donations.

Also special thanks to Family, Friends and the Staff at St Giles for their help and support during Norman's illness.

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DEWIS

Ann

David would like to thank Friends and Family for their kind words and support at this time. Thanks also to everyone for attending the Funeral Service to commemorate Ann's life and all your generous donations.

A total of £310 was raised in Ann's memory for Alzheimer's Research.

TITLEY

Janet

nee Pritchard

The Family of the late Janet Titley would like to express their sincere thanks to all Family, Relatives and Neighbours for all the support given during the sad loss of Janet.

Many thanks for cards and tributes received, for those who attended the Church Service.

Thanks to the Rev. Jane Nash for a lovely Service.

Also, A.J. Sellman for Funeral arrangements.

Special thanks for all donations received for Dementia UK, which totalled £500.

Thank you.

God bless you All.

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Please note that the deadline for our weekly Cannock Chronicle is 5pm every Friday, for the following weeks edition.

BAILEY

Derek William

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 14, aged 87 years.

A local Businessman in the music world, as well as Musical Director and Founder of Chase Choral Society (and formerly Joseph Lucas Male Voice Choir).

Funeral to be held at Chadsmoor Methodist Church, on Thursday, February 2, at 12.30pm, followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium, at 2pm.

Donations in lieu of flowers to Chadsmoor Methodist Church.

A greatly loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. We will miss you more than words will ever say.

God bless.

Sheila, Noelle, Dave and Ellie-Jayne.

DAVIES

Ethel Irene

nee Taylor

Sadly passed away on Tuesday January 17, 2017, aged 96 years.

Much loved and missed by all her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will be held on February 1, at 1.30pm, at Chadsmoor Methodist Church, followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

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TOY

David

Of Cheslyn Hay, late of Great Barr.

Passed away peacefully at his home, on January 9, 2017, aged 69 years.

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Much loved and missed by Jose, Phil and Carole.

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5 Business & Farming

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8 Motoring

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Good condition.
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or
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Canary Yellow,
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9 Local Information

public & legal notices

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The Insolvency Practitioners may be contacted care of BRNOTICE@bdo.co.uk quoting ENVIROMAX/AC

Dated: 18 January 2017
By Order of The Board
Martin George Roberts, Director

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public & legal notices

THE COUNCIL IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING PROPOSALS

The Stonehouse, Penkridge Bank Road, Rugeley.
Case Officer – Richard Sunter

CH/17/016 - Listed building consent for waterproofing work (tanking) to basement

All applications may be inspected at the Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock.

Applications relating to Rugeley and Brereton may also be inspected at the Rugeley Area Housing Office, Anson Street, Rugeley

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Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of a southern part width of Ashbrook Lane adjacent to no. 7 Ashbrook Lane at Abbots Bromley in the Borough of East Staffordshire.

If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by East Staffordshire Borough Council, under reference P/2016/00223.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at East Staffordshire Borough Council, The Maltsters, Wetmore Road, Burton-upon-Trent, DE14 1LS in the 28 days commencing on 26 January 2017, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the address stated below (quoting NATTRAN/WM/S247/2639).

Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on **23 February 2017.** Any person submitting any correspondence is advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your correspondence.

S Zamenzadeh, Casework Manager

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984
STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) (STAFFORD BROOK ROAD AND BOWER LANE) ORDER 2017

1. Staffordshire County Council on 24 January 2017 made a Traffic Order under Sections 84(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, that imposed a 40 mph speed limit on the following roads:-
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   Bower Lane, Rugeley
2. Full details of the Order together with a plan showing the restricted area, may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills, 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH and during normal opening hours at Rugeley Library, Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffordshire or via the internet at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders.
3. Any person who desires to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the grounds that any requirement of those sections or of Parts I, II, and III of Schedule 9 of the Act or any regulations made under the said Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order was made, make an application for the purpose to the High Court.
4. The Order will come into operation on 27 January 2017

John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance and Change, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH.

Date: 26 January 2017

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 34 OF LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to: Cannock Chase District Council
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For: Hednesford Town Football Club Keys Park Stadium, Hednesford, WS12 2DZ

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A full version of this application can be viewed at The Licensing Unit, Cannock Chase District Council, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock.

Representations should be made in writing within 28 days of the date of the publication of this notice, to;
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Mickael Partodikromo during training sessions at Wolverhampton University's Walsall Campus, Gorway Road, for Rushall Olympic, whom he joined in the summer

Partodikromo's immediate goal is to help Rushall win promotion

Mickael Pics his side in bid for football dream

SPORTING FEATURE

By Matt Maher

HOW far would you go to chase a dream? In Mickael Partodikromo's case, the answer is about 11,000 miles.

Partodikromo comes from New Caledonia, a little-known collection of islands owned by France and located in the southwest Pacific Ocean, between Australia and New Zealand.

For the past six years he has been trying to make it as a professional footballer, first in New Zealand, then France and now in England, his journey taking in stops at Swansea, Chelsea, Bolton, Sheffield United and, now Rushall Olympic.

At just 21 years of age, Patrodikromo is well-spoken and polite and has the kind of maturity and quiet assurance which can probably only be achieved by spending four years away from your family, growing up on the other side of the world.

Spotted

Partodikromo has not seen his parents for two years and says he won't return home until he has fulfilled his ambitions.

"My parents support me a lot but I tell them not to call me too often," he says. "I know if they do, it will only make me homesick. To make the dream happen, you have to make sacrifices."

Football has been a central part of Partodikromo's life long before he was spotted by a scout and invited to join the Asia-Pacific Football Academy in Wellington, New Zealand.

He left home, alone at 14, only able to speak at that point French and Kunie, a language native to New Caledonia. "For the first three weeks in New Zealand I couldn't understand a word anyone was saying," laughs Partodikromo, who is now well-versed in the English language. Two years at the academy was followed by the offer of a trial at Swansea. "I went there by myself, I was 16 and stayed in digs," he says.

The New Caledonian island paradise, 11,000 miles away, that Partodikromo left behind

"It was hard," he admits. "Adapting to the weather and things like that. At home in winter it is 21 or 22 degrees. Over here it is zero degrees! Before I came to England, I had never seen snow."

The trial at Swansea was followed by another at Chelsea and then Bolton before, in 2013, Partodikromo was offered a scholarship at Sheffield United. It did not end in a professional deal, but the confidence gained from two years at Bramall Lane convinced Partodikromo to remain in Europe to continue chasing his dream.

After a brief spell at Worcester City in pre-season, where he played in a friendly against Villa, he joined Rushall in September. And he lives alone, having moved to Walsall from Sheffield. "I do my own everything, I take care of myself," he says. "I have gotten used to it, moving from home from such an early age. It's fine." He adds: "When I tell them where I am from, people have no idea where it is. I have to show them on the phone. They can't believe it."

But how he is managing to get by on football earnings alone? "I saved up some money from when I was living in France and I get a bit of money from Rushall," he says. "Then, sometimes, if I really need something, mum and dad will help me, though I don't ask very often."

He speaks about his dad Bernard's work as a pharmacist and the cooking lessons from mum Sabine which have helped him fend for himself half a world away. It is the desire to repay their faith, their willingness for him to take the chance which gets him through the disappointments, the setbacks and the cold nights.

Partodikromo wants to follow in the footsteps of France World Cup-winner Christian Karembeu, by some distance New Caledonia's most famous export. But his immediate aim is to earn a regular starting place with the Pics and help the club win promotion from Evo-Stik Northern Premier Division. But he is still adamant his ultimate ream will come true.

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Sport

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Goal after 11 seconds puts Hayes on way

Racing Warwick 1 Heath Hayes 3

A STRONG, solid all-round performance gave rejuvenated Hayes a second successive away league victory at fourth-placed Warwick.

The game got off to an amazing start. From Charlie Ware's kick-off, Jack Partridge played in full-back Harry Phillips who ran unchallenged before coolly lobbing the advancing keeper to score in what the assessor timed as 11 seconds.

This gave visitors the confidence they needed to dominate the first half.

The second goal came after 37 minutes when Ware picked up the ball 30 yards from goal and, with apparently nothing on, sent a thunderous drive into the top corner.

As expected, Racing started the second half with all guns blazing but the Hayes defence withstood the early barrage with the assured handling of keeper Mark Wiggins, back to his best, transmitting confidence to his defence and the visitors looking more likely to score next.

Things changed on 61 minutes, however, when the referee awarded a penalty against Phillips for a push on Wade Malley. Dave Smith's spot-kick struck the underside of the bar, but after consulting his assistant the referee signalled that the ball had cross the line and awarded the goal.

Kyle Minto sealed the game with a debut goal, cleverly intercepting a back pass and rounding the keeper on 88 minutes.

Hayes were entertaining Lichfield City on Tuesday night before Chelmsley Town are the visitors for a league game on Saturday.

Ruff-ly speaking, it's a stylish show from five-goal Scholars

Chasetown 5 Market Drayton 1

CHASETOWN returned to winning ways in the Evo-Stik League First Division South in some style on Saturday.

The hosts started brightly and deservedly took the lead in the 24th minute as Mitch Piggon fired a first-time shot past Ashley Rawlins.

Market Drayton were level two minutes later through Jud Ellis, but a minute before the break Chasetown regained the lead as Josh Ruff drilled a left-foot shot past Rawlins from the edge of the penalty area.

At the start of the second half, Chasetown extended their lead with another sweet left-footer from Ruff.

Nathan Rooney squandered a chance for a fourth as Rawlins saved his spot-kick, but Ruff completed his hat-trick with a goal of sheer genius, beating player after player and lashing his effort past a stranded keeper, before skipper Jermaine Johnson bulleted home a header from a Rooney corner as Chasetown made it five.

Chasetown were punished for some defensive hesitancy as they went down 3-1 at Newcastle Town last Tuesday night, Jack Langston on target.

After entertaining Sporting Khalsa on Tuesday in the Walsall Senior Cup, Scholars visit Spalding on Saturday.

Sensei's working overtime for success

JGM Karate Academy celebrate their success

Martial arts

SENSEI Joe Mongon is looking for future Olympians after the success of his JGM Karate Academy at the KAA National Championships.

The academy, set up last February, took home 35 medals – consisting of eight gold, 10 silver and 17 bronze – across Kumite, Kata, Teams and Pairs categories at Chase Leisure Centre. JGM also claimed the Club of the Day Award.

One of the academy's star performers was 10-year-old Mya Brown, who won gold in Kumite girls and team, silver in Kata novice and bronze in Kata pairs.

JGM has bases in Huntington, Norton Canes, Cannock and Burntwood. Mongon, a former world and European champion, said: "I was very pleased how everyone competed from JGM with our relative inexperience in competitions."

Beginning the first weekend in March, JGM will host the UK Karate Challenge, its own league of tournaments featuring competitors from around the country. Further rounds will take place in June/July or September/October.

The JGM Karate Academy is looking for new members. Contact Joe Mongon on 07841 040995 or see their Facebook page.

VINNY SECURES DERBY VICTORY

Hednesford Town 2 Rushall Olympic 1

IT was derby-day delight for Hednesford as they saw off a late Rushall charge to earn their first points of 2017.

After an even start to the game, the Pitmen started to stamp some authority on the fixture and had their first effort in anger after 23 minutes as Vinny Mukendi held the ball up before firing a shot into the side netting

And it would be the Pitmen that would make the breakthrough in the 37th minute when a clearance bounced off Iwan Cartwright to Mukendi, who was able to advance forward and calmly fire home from six yards.

Two minutes later, the lead was doubled as Mukendi beat goalkeeper Jose Veiga in the air at the back post and knocked the ball down for Spencer Weir-Daley to score his first goal in Hednesford colours.

The second period saw the visitors come out very much on top with Hednesford being stuck inside their own half during the first 10 minutes as Rushall forced a number of corners.

Looped

Hednesford were able to weather the pressure that came their way and should really have put the result beyond all doubt in the 64th minute when some lovely football saw the ball squared to Weir-Daley, but he fired wide from 12 yards with only Veiga to beat.

Rushall reduced the arrears in the 72nd minute when a ball into the box found an unmarked Aaron Forde, who looped his header over Ransome and into the net.

As the Pitmen dropped deeper into their own half, the visitors sensed they could yet get something out of the fixture and saw a good chance come and go in the 86th minute as Mickail Partodikromo blazed over from the edge of the box.

There was to be one last chance for Rushall, but Sam Whittall fired over from six yards.

The Pitmen visit Corby on Saturday, kick-off 3pm.

● A quiz night in aid of Hednesford Town Supporters Association takes place in the Chase Suite at Keys Park tomorrow (Friday). Doors open at 7.15 for a 7.45pm start. Entry is £2.50 per player, for teams of two to five.

Vinny Mukendi won the game for Hednesford, but this early header was saved by Jose Veiga

Windfall sheds light on club project

A LEADING junior football team has been allocated funding of £25,000.

Wyrley Juniors FC was granted the money by the Aviva Community Fund. The club has 14 girls teams, two ladies' sides and a veteran ladies team, as well as two disability teams, three men's sides, two veteran teams, a walking football team and 41 boys' sides, It is also creating a deaf team.

The windfall will be used towards the purchase and installation of floodlights at its Harrisons Ground, a total cost of £40k. The club is also looking to create new changing rooms, kitchen and hospitality area, at a total cost of £500,000. The Harrisons project competed with more than 300 organisations around the UK. The nationwide initiative asked residents to submit a project close to their heart to be in with a chance of securing funding.

Club chairman Keith Hardy said: "We are extremely pleased that the funding will go towards our efforts to give young people the facilities they deserve."

Card crazy as winning streak ends

Clee Hill 10 Burntwood 3

BURNTWOOD endured a frustrating afternoon in deepest Shropshire to end their eight-game winning streak.

This was their third attempt in three seasons to win at Clee Hill but again they struggled to adapt to the small pitch plus the tenacious play of the hosts.

Clee Hill should have taken the lead but failed to convert three penalty attempts. The final award saw prop Adam Black yellow carded for a high tackle.

Having weathered this initial period, Burntwood's Billy Fisher ran 40 metres towards the posts only to be dragged down. A home player prevented release which saw him sin-binned and Sam Lloyd landed the easy penalty goal.

A defensive error gifted the hosts a try on 47 minutes. Black received a second yellow card, then Clee Hill went down to 14 with a red card.

The hosts ended a fraught spell with their second try. Clee Hill then lost another player, this time to a yellow and then went down to 12 after a red card.

The defeat makes the visit of third-placed Cleobury Mortimer to The Sportsway this Saturday even more crucial.

Cannock 23 Willenhall 5

CANNOCK had begun the year narrowly falling short against second-placed Burntwood and welcomed local rivals Willenhall to the Morgan Ground.

Stephen Frost dotted down for the first try, Josh Humphreys scored the second with the conversion added.

Daniel Blake scored a second half try, Scott Pedley converted.

Willenhall had a man red-carded but Cannock's Craig Richards and Halil Gozukucuk were sin-binned before the visitors claimed a simple try back.

Pedley completed the scoring with a penalty in front of the posts. Clee Hill are the visitors this weekend.

Decisions against United prove costly

Cannock United 1 Pathfinder 3

PROBABLY the best game this season was determined by a series of controversial decisions from the officials.

A defensive error gifted Pathfiner an early goal, but Cannock were soon back level with a Josh Griffiths penalty.

The turning point came when Cannock had two 'goals' ruled out for offside and Pathfinder took a 3-1 lead.

Cannock were on the end of another contentious decision as claims for a handball on the goalline were waved away.

United are at home to Walsall Phoenix on Saturday, kick off at 2pm.

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